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## SDLLC sues CUC for botched PPA

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REPORTER

**S**aipan Development LLC, the Delaware-based contractor of the controversial \$190.8 million power purchase agreement it signed with former governor Benigno R. Fitial, filed a lawsuit in federal court yesterday against the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. over the voided PPA.

SDLLC, through counsel William Fitzgerald, is suing CUC for breach of express contract and implied-in-fact contract.

SDLLC asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to award the company damages for its reliance on the CUC promise, and the amount incurred while evaluating, negotiating, and preparing to perform under the PPA to build a power plant.

According to Fitzgerald, by reason of CUC's wrongful repudiation of the PPA

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### EXERCISE FORAGER FURY II

A Humvee is attached to a crane before it is offloaded from the top deck of a cargo vessel at the Tinian on Nov. 4, 2013, for Exercise Forager Fury II. Marines on the ground waited to drive the vehicles to a staging area for inspection by U.S. Department of Agriculture quarantine inspectors, ensuring no foreign species have an unintended ecological impact on Tinian's environment. Forager Fury II is a 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force led joint exercise designed to employ and assess combat power generation and sustainment in a deployed, austere and unimproved environment. The Marines are with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st MAW, III MEF.

CPL. JOSEPH KARWICK

## STRONGEST TROPICAL CYCLONE IN THE WORLD THIS YEAR

### Thousands flee as big typhoon nears PH

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Thousands of villagers in the central Philippines, including those from a province devastated by a recent earthquake, were being evacuated Thursday as one of the most powerful typhoons globally this year approaches.

Typhoon Haiyan was already packing sustained winds of 215 kilometers (134 miles) per hour and ferocious gusts of 250 kph (155 mph), and could pick up strength over the Pacific Ocean

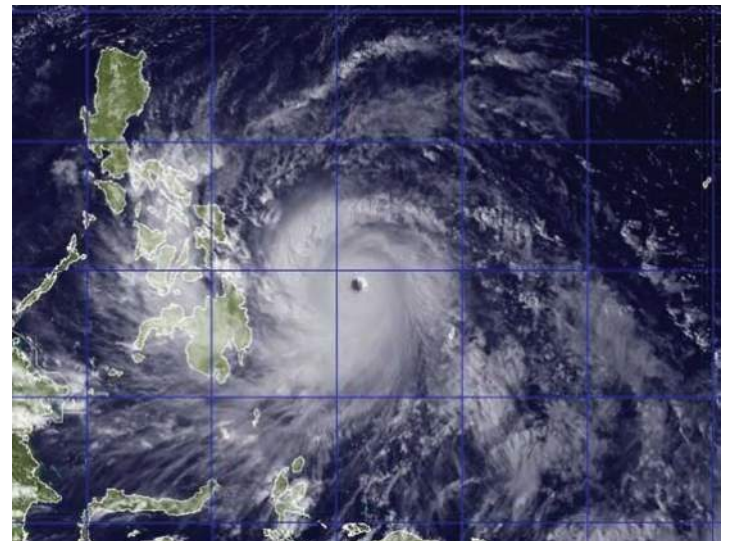
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before it slams into the eastern Philippine province of Eastern Samar on Friday, according to government forecasters.

The U.S. Navy's Joint Typhoon Warning Center in Hawaii said it was the strongest tropical cyclone in the world this year, although Cy-

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This image provided by the U.S. Naval Research Lab shows Typhoon Haiyan taken by the NEXSAT satellite Thursday Nov. 7, 2013 at 2:30 a.m. EDT.



Lawmakers to fight CUC's power rate hike proposal

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By **HAIDEE V. EUGENIO**  
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REPORTER

Lawmakers are promising to strongly oppose the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s plan to increase its power rates for five months to come up with \$1.84 million for a fuel pipeline replacement project, citing CUC's failure to reimburse customers \$800,000 to \$1 million for a previous rate hike supposedly to repay a

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Despite the entry of new doctors at the Commonwealth Health Center, its complement of 25 physicians is still an unstable number, particularly since two are assigned to the Rota and Tinian health centers.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. interim CEO Esther Muna said yesterday that the public hospital is still short of

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## 25-percent cut in mortgage payments eyed for retirees

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At least 14 House of Representatives members led by Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) signed off as co-sponsors of a joint resolution asking Settlement Fund administrator Lillian M. Pangelinan to provide alternative refinancing options—such as a 25-percent reduction in monthly mortgage payment—for retirees now with 25-percent cut in their pension.

In the alternative, the House members request the Fund to extend the grace period for retirees.

Sablan introduced House Joint Resolution 18-46 on the floor on Wednesday, but the House could not act on it for not meeting the 24-hour advance public notice.

As of the Oct. 15 payment

date, retirees have started seeing a 25-percent reduction in their pension as a result of a global settlement agreement in the Betty Johnson case against the government.

“These payment reductions disrupt the livelihood of the retired members of the settlement fund,” House members said.

The lawmakers said decreases in households’ earnings and increases in prices of goods and services such as utilities cripple families’ capability to buy these same goods and services as well as pay loans, mortgages, and other debts retirees may owe.

“The House hereby requests the settlement fund to adjust monthly mortgage payments by 25 percent for retirees,” the lawmakers added.

The resolution is expected to be adopted in the House’s session on Rota next Friday.

## Checks now out for DC members who applied to withdraw in-service plan

Members of the defined contribution plan who turned in application for an in-service plan distribution may pick up their checks today.

The NMI Retirement Fund announced yesterday that checks for these members will be available at the building’s windows from at 9am through 4pm. It reminded participants to bring a valid picture identification card in order to get their checks on time.

The application for an in-service plan distribution is pursuant to Public Law 18-21, the application of which was open from Oct. 14–18, 2013.

Public Law 18-21 was signed into law last month. It allows certain government employees to be able to withdraw their DC plan account balance without being

required to terminate their employment. Under this law, the amount eligible for withdrawal includes the member’s contribution, vested portion of the government share, and account earnings. Only those who have been contributing to the DC plan for at least two years are eligible to withdraw their member’s account.

If the amounts withdrawn are not rolled over into a 401k or other approved retirement account, the member will be required to pay Chapter 7 income tax, Chapter 2 earnings tax, and may be subject to a 10 percent penalty. Amounts withdrawn for “hardship reasons” such as medical care, purchase of a principal residence, or college education are not subject to a penalty. *(Moneth G. Deposa)*

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**FIVE DAYS BEFORE BENCH TRIAL****OAG withdraws criminal charges vs suspended cop**

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The Office of the Attorney General decided yesterday to voluntarily withdraw the criminal charges against suspended police sergeant Elden Dela Cruz, who is accused of domestic violence.

Assistant attorney general Brian Flaherty filed a motion for *nolle prosequi* ("do not prosecute") in the Superior Court.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted the motion and vacated the scheduled Nov. 12, 2013, bench trial. Camacho exonerated Dela Cruz's bail.

*Nolle prosequi*, according to law books, refers to a motion by a prosecutor or other plaintiff to drop legal charges, usually in exchange for a diversion program or out-of-court settlement. Such a motion is usually filed when the charges cannot be proved, the evidence has demonstrated either innocence or a fatal flaw in the prosecution's claim, or the prosecutor no longer believes that

the accused is guilty.

It is not, however, a guarantee that the defendant won't be recharged.

Flaherty said the government submitted the motion in good faith in the interest of justice, and not for the purpose of delaying the proceedings.

"The Commonwealth submits that the decision to file the motion for *nolle prosequi* is based solely upon its interpretation of the facts of the case and the interests of justice," said Flaherty in the government's motion.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Dela Cruz with assault and battery and disturbing the peace for allegedly beating up his wife on June 7, 2013.

The wife, however, later issued a declaration to Dela Cruz's lawyer, Janet H. King, confessing that she lied to police when she accused her husband, who was then officer-in-charge of the Department of Public Safety's Internal Affairs Office, of beating her up.

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## Inos calls on citizens to honor veterans' bravery, sacrifice

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos has called on citizens to recognize the bravery and sacrifice of veterans through ceremonies and prayers, as he signed a proclamation declaring Nov. 5 to 11 Veterans Awareness Week.

He also encourages everyone to display their flags and support and participate in patriotic activities.

"Our country is forever indebted to our veterans for their courage and exemplary service. We also remember and honor those who laid down their lives in freedom's defense. These brave men and women made the ultimate sacrifice for our benefit," the governor said in his proclamation.

Inos said on Veterans Day, the

CNMI remembers these heroes for their valor, their loyalty and their dedication.

"Their selfless sacrifices continue to inspire us today as we work to advance peace and extend freedom around the world," he added.

The governor said freedom's cost continues long after the guns fall silent.

"Many of our veterans bear the disabilities and scars of military service. The families of those who never returned from their service live always with a profound sense of loss. It is our duty to remember what our veterans have done and to uphold our commitments to them and their families," Inos added.

Wrapping up the weeklong observance will be the Veterans Day ceremony on Monday at 11am at the American Memo-

rial Park on Saipan.

Tinian will also be hosting a Veterans Day ceremony around the same time at the historic North Field, in front of the Marine Corps monuments located in front of the Japanese 1st Naval Air Division Headquarters.

Monday's ceremonies are set every year on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Military and Veterans Affairs Office director Vicente Camacho said this year's guest speaker at the Saipan ceremony will be Joint Region Marianas Commander Rear Admiral Tilghman D. Payne, also the U.S. Defense representative-Guam, CNMI, Federated States of Micronesia and Palau. He is commander of the U.S. Naval Forces Marianas.

The governor and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-

MP) will be leading CNMI government officials.

"I am inviting everyone to attend the Veterans Day ceremony on Monday. I hope people show up," Camacho said.

Don Farrell, CNMI historian and Tinian mayor's chief of staff, said yesterday that this year's guest speaker for the Tinian ceremonies is Maj. Aaron Heisinger of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Farrell said the Tinian ceremony will begin at 10:50am sharp, and last approximately one-half hour.

He said the Tinian JROTC will present the colors, supported by members of Marine Air Group - 12, at 11am, the hour the armistice ending World War I was signed in 1918. Welcoming remarks will be delivered by Tinian acting mayor Reynaldo Cing.

Immediately after the Veter-

ans Day ceremony, the people of Tinian will help MAG 12 celebrate the 238th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps.

"Major Heisinger and his Marines will cut the cake, serving pieces to the eldest and the youngest Marines present. He will also read a special message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps," he said.

Following the two ceremonies, the public will be able to view the equipment used by MAG-12 to clear the runways

and prepare Able, Baker, Charlie and Delta to receive aircraft. Marines are preparing for Exercise Forager Fury II on Tinian.

Tinian vendors will be present, offering food, drink and retail items for sale at the ceremony, Farrell said.

"Sunday will be a work day for the Marines, so that they will be off-duty and fully prepared to enjoy Veterans Day and the Marine Corps birthday with the general public. Come and enjoy," he added.

## TYPHOON

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clone Phailin, which hit eastern India on Oct. 12, packed winds of up to 222 kph (138 mph) and stronger gusts.

Governors and mayors were supervising the evacuation of thousands of residents away from landslide- and flood-prone communities in several provinces where the typhoon is expected to pass, said Eduardo del Rosario, head of the government's main disaster-response agency.

President Benigno Aquino III has ordered officials to aim for zero casualties, a goal often broken in an archipelago lashed by about 20 storms each year, most of them deadly and destructive. Haiyan is the 24th such storm to hit the Philippines this year.

## SDLLC

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on the basis that Fitial lacked authority to execute the PPA, SDLLC has been damaged and is entitled to damages for its reliance on CUC's promise.

Fitzgerald stated in the complaint that in 2011 and 2012, Allegiance Capital and Keystone Shipping Co. became aware of the possibility of an industrial development project to include an industrial park and shipbuilding facility in Lower Base, Saipan.

Fitzgerald said that affiliates of the two firms formed a joint venture limited liability company, SDLLC, in Delaware for the purpose of evaluating and pursuing the project.

The lawyer said that beginning in the first half of 2012, meetings were held between SDLLC and representatives of the CNMI Executive Branch to discuss the feasibility of the industrial development project.

He said SDLLC and the CNMI representatives agreed that the present CUC power plant in Lower Base needed to be replaced due to its age, condition, inefficiency, and overall high cost of electricity to Saipan's residents and would need to be relocated to enable environmental cleanup of the area.

Fitzgerald said that after preliminary discussions, Fitial told SDLLC that he would agree to move the old power plant if SDLLC would finance the cost of a new power plant that would reduce the cost of power to the

Edgardo Chatto, the governor of Bohol island province in the central Philippines, where an earthquake last month killed more than 200 people, said that soldiers, police and rescue units were helping displaced residents, including thousands still in small tents, move to shelters. The typhoon was not forecast to directly hit Bohol but the province was still expected to be battered by strong wind and rain, government forecaster Jori Loiz said.

Army troops were helping transport food packs and other relief goods in hard-to-reach communities and rescue helicopters are on stand-by, the military said.

"My worst fear is that the eye of this typhoon will hit us. I hope we will be spared," Chatto told The Associated Press by telephone.

people of the CNMI.

Fitzgerald said SDLLC negotiated with CUC the terms of a contract, which is denominated a power purchase agreement.

He said Fitial and then attorney general Edward T. Buckingham repeatedly represented and assured SDLLC that all of the individuals involved in the negotiations, including themselves, were acting within their authority in negotiating the PPA.

Fitzgerald said that, on Aug. 3, 2012, SDLLC and Fitial, on behalf of CUC, signed the PPA and that on the same day, Buckingham also signed the deal, approving it as to form and legal capacity.

Fitzgerald said a "taxpayers' lawsuit" was then filed to stop the PPA.

The lawyer said that Attorney General Joey P. San Nicolas sent a letter to SDLLC dated Jan. 4, 2013, claiming that his predecessor, Buckingham, had erred in indicating the PPA and related agreements were sufficient as to form and legal capacity.

San Nicolas determined that the PPA and related agreements were void from the beginning.

Fitzgerald asserted that the PPA was validly executed by Fitial on behalf of CUC or, in the alternative, CUC is stopped to claim that Fitial lacked authority to execute the PPA due to Buckingham's approval of the PPA.

The alleged secretive signing of the no-bid, 25-year PPA was one of the issues that led to the filing of impeachment charges against Fitial.

## DOCTORS

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10 doctors to bring the figure to a stable number.

"In my opinion, we're still not completely stable...[but] we're getting there," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Muna admitted that one of the challenges that hamper the corporation's recruitment efforts is the demand for high salaries by potential recruits.

"For every request we get, we have to be mindful of those that are currently working and when you add it all up, it comes down to affordability," she said.

Muña disclosed that the corporation pays its doctors a minimum of \$100,000 and

a maximum of \$265,000 per annum, depending on their expertise.

The 23 doctors currently at the Commonwealth Health Center include four at internal medicine; three at the pediatric clinic; two for the surgery department; three at the emergency room; three anesthesiologists; one nephrologist; one orthopedic; two assigned at the clinics; one at the psychiatry department; two at obstetrics and gynecology; and one at the chest clinic.

Filling the gap and providing help to the physicians are two part-time pediatricians assigned at Family Care Clinic; six physician assistants stationed at ER and other units; and four nurse practitioners, Muña said.

She admitted that because of the inadequate number of physicians, it is inevitable that available doctors feel exhausted on occasion.

Muña said the corporation will continue with its aggressive recruitment efforts.

### 'Still short of ten docs'

Muña disclosed that the corporation still needs some 10 doctors to fill the gap in many sections. Internal medicine needs two more; pediatrics, two; clinics, two; OB-gyne, two; and ER, two.

It was learned that CHC's lone orthopedic surgeon is expected to leave the post by the end of this month following the expiration of the doctor's 30-day contract.

## LAWMAKERS

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\$10 million that CUC later did not pursue.

"Not so fast, CUC. I'm lobbying the full Senate to oppose CUC's plan to increase its rates once again. Why does CUC have to increase its rates every time it needs money?" Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

This early, Yumul's planned resolution is drawing support from senators as well as House Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee chair Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

Senate PUTC Committee chair Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) separately said CUC should come to the Legislature and discuss its issues rather than charging customers extra once again.

"I won't support any more rate increases from CUC. In fact they should reduce their rates," Reyes said, adding that CUC could have considered a bank loan.

Senate Vice President Victor Hocog (R-Rota) and Yumul also said CUC could have sought help from the Legislature to find

solution for a pipeline project funding shortfall, the same way CUC sought the Legislature's authorization to enter into a \$10 million loan deal with Rhode Island-based Independence Bank that CUC later did not pursue but charged its customers extra anyway, supposedly to help repay that loan.

"The money was never returned to the ratepayers. It's close to \$1 million we believe," Yumul said in an interview. "We don't even know how much really was collected in the original rate increase supposedly to pay a loan that was not pursued after all."

Yumul said there are other ways to come up with the \$1.84 million without charging CUC customers more than what they are already paying.

He said, for example, that appropriation could be made, with the intent of offsetting billing for the government later on.

To raise the \$1.84 million, CUC calculates it would need to implement a surcharge of \$0.023 per kWh for all usage across all customer classes over a period of five months. CUC is under court order to finish the pipeline project at once.

Deleon Guerrero of the House PUTC panel said yesterday that

Independence Bank has also indicated that it could reconsider entering into a deal with CUC to cover the \$1.84 million shortfall to fund a pipeline project.

Some three years ago, CUC told the Legislature it needed authorization for a loan of \$10 million, to meet federal requirements under the U.S. District Court and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency stipulated orders and enable CUC to buy maintenance parts and equipment for Power Plant 1. The money was also eyed to fund 27 other projects, mostly for the repair of engines, power generation equipment, power transmission and distribution.

The Legislature introduced and passed a bill that became Public Law 17-62, authorizing the \$10 million loan, with the U.S. Department of Agriculture as guarantor.

But CUC, with the administration's advice, later decided not to pursue the \$10 million loan. However, CUC already went ahead with charging its customers more, supposedly to be able to pay the \$10 million that did not materialize.

Lawmakers repeatedly asked CUC to reimburse its customers for the extra charg-

es starting in July 2011 of \$800,000 to \$1 million, but CUC has not done so, saying they used the money anyway for maintenance and upgrade.

Deleon Guerrero said he plans to hold a joint House-Senate PUTC committees' meeting with both CUC and CPUC.

Hocog and Sen. Joaquin Borja (Ind-Tinian) separately expressed concern that Rota and Tinian will also be charged extra, but don't seem to reap the benefits of paying more. Both Rota and Tinian senators said they oppose any CUC rate increase to raise funds for the pipeline project.

"After funding that increase, what would customers get?" Hocog asked.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher said the subject pipeline has had a history of leaks and is at the end of its lifespan. CUC has been ordered to begin construction of the pipeline using court-approved contractors.

He said CUC has no other source of income or working capital other than its rates. While CUC was able to obtain grant funding for pipeline construction amounting to \$4.704 million, it is now left with a shortfall of \$1.84 million, Fletcher said.



# Appeals committee reviews Maui's complaint vs NMC

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A complaint filed by a terminated faculty member against the Northern Marianas College is undergoing review by the appeals committee and a decision on the matter is expected anytime soon.

Wil Maui, the terminated faculty instructor, confirmed this with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, saying his case was recently presented in a merit hearing conducted by the newly created panel.

Maui was represented by his counsel, Mark Hanson, at the merit hearing held on Oct. 28.

Maui is accusing the college of illegal termination and breach of contract. He asked for a hearing on his case pursuant to the Commonwealth Administrative Procedures Act. He also asked the Board of Regents to create the appeals committee for this purpose.

Maui disclosed yesterday that he finally had a merit hearing before the Employee Appeals Committee on Monday. The committee is chaired by BOR member Elaine Orilla.

"It was quite long, started at

1pm and ended at 4:30pm. My lawyer, Mark Hanson, did a good job in presenting my case and I was put on a witness stand for quite some time," he shared.

Maui said he is holding on to the commitment made by the panel that it "will consider all materials and testimony presented before them and get back to us with a decision."

"But we have not heard from them yet. Hopefully soon. What we might do next will depend on what the EAC decides to do," he said.

Maui was issued a termination notice on Aug. 20 on the grounds of insubordination and refusal to do assigned work. The notice was issued by department chair Chavel Green.

Maui disputes what he described as assumptions and misrepresentations in the termination notice.

His lawyer earlier said that NMC has egregiously breached

Section III.E of Maui's contract by requiring him to teach new courses on less than 30 days' notice and without his consent. Maui accused the college of terminating him on the basis of pure falsehoods and patent fabrications. NMC, he said, also breached his contract by failing to give him at least seven days written notice of his termination.

Maui had refused to agree to teach three new courses that NMC was requiring him to teach at the beginning of this fall semester. He said this violates his current instructional

contract by failing to give him at least seven days written notice of his termination.

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faculty contract. *Saipan Tribune* learned that with a typical teaching semester's load of 15 credit hours, faculty employed under the instructional faculty contract are expected to teach no more than four different preparations.

Maui began teaching computer application classes as

an adjunct instructor in 1992 while employed full-time at the CNMI Department of Commerce. In 2002, Maui was hired as a full-time computer applications instructor at the Business Department and stayed in that position until his termination in August.

## Guam senator calls for oversight hearing of Corrections

**GUAM**—Guam Sen. Brant McCreadie sent a letter to Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz yesterday, calling for an oversight hearing of the Department of Corrections in response to the escape of an alleged murderer from a DOC transport vehicle on Monday.

"Monday's events are both

shocking and discouraging," said McCreadie. "The fact that this incident occurred highlights that there are some challenges facing DOC. Monday's incident should not have happened, and the extreme emotional toll it took on the victim, the people of Guam, as well as the cost to the government,

should not be tolerated."

McCreadie's letter asks that an oversight hearing be held as soon as the causes of the incident are identified so that we can put a stop to events like this. Adds McCreadie: "Now is the time to ensure that events like Monday's never occur again. An over-

sight of DOC's operations and procedures is sorely needed, and I hope that Vice Speaker Cruz will agree to hold an oversight hearing. Immediate solutions must be found to ensure that detainees and inmates under DOC's care are kept safely away from the general population." (PR)

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# Prosecutor: Ex-Tinian cop has pattern of abusing minors

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Melvin Ilo Monkeya, a former Tinian police officer who

is facing charges of sexually abusing a then 14-year-old girl in 2008 inside the Tinian police station, committed similar sex assaults on two other then

minor girls and a woman, according to a prosecutor.

Assistant attorney general Chemere K. McField made the disclosure in the government's

notice of intent to introduce evidence of Monkeya's other sexual and bad acts.

McField said that Monkeya, while a police officer, sexually

assaulted a then 15-year-old girl at a motel on Saipan, sexually assaulted a then 16-year-old girl in Guam, and made a woman his sex slave on Tinian and Saipan.

According to McField, Monkeya blackmailed the then 15-year-old girl to have sex with him by threatening to prosecute her for using a fake identification card at a store on Tinian.

Monkeya allegedly required the girl to accompany him to Saipan to "sign papers." With the permission of the girl's parents, Monkeya brought the girl to Saipan where he took her to a motel and sexually abused her there, McField said.

In the Guam incident, McField said that between May 6 and 7, 2012, Monkeya asked the then 16-year-old girl to help him with his criminal justice project so that he could pass his class and become a detective in Guam.

McField said that over the course of two days, Monkeya repeatedly asked the girl to perform sex acts with him so he will become a detective, but she vehemently refused. Monkeya also allegedly touched the girl's privates twice.

In the sex slave case, McField said that between January 2007 and April 2010, Monkeya raped and forcibly performed oral sex on a woman about 20 times. The rape allegedly began when the woman was driving a vehicle while intoxicated.

McField said that Monkeya threatened to prosecute the woman and place her in jail for one year unless she serves as his sex slave and perform sex acts detailed in his criminal

cases.

The prosecutor said the defendant raped the woman repeatedly at a DPS office on Tinian, at a motel in Gualo Rai, Saipan, and at a hotel on Tinian.

In another case, McField said that in October 2011 at a house in Guam, Monkeya instructed the teenager in a case he is presently charged with to perform the sex acts as detailed in sex files.

When the victim refused, Monkeya locked her in his bedroom and attempted to blindfold her. He only released her when she cried and resisted for an hour.

Monkeya allegedly sexually assaulted the same teenager, who was then 14 years old, inside his office at the Tinian DPS in 2008. He allegedly threatened to prosecute her for truancy and send her with other juveniles to the Northern Islands. He was arrested in this case and has remained in jail after the court imposed a \$100,000 cash bail.

Also, in 2009, Monkeya allegedly asked a minor girl who was arrested for truancy to help him with his sex cases, but she refused and begged to be released from his vehicle.

McField said the girl managed to run away when Monkeya parked the police vehicle at DPS Tinian.

The prosecutor said the evidence of Monkeya's additional sexual assaults and other bad acts are admissible at trial.

McField said this additional evidence establishes a pattern of conduct wherein the defendant abuses his role as a law enforcement officer to manipulate victims.

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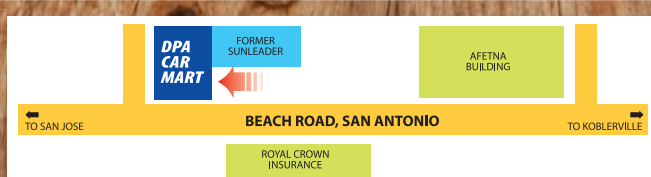
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# Rotary Club breaks ground for Kagman park project

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With Rotary district governor Isako Funaki and other dignitaries from Japan looking on, the Rotary Club of Saipan broke ground yesterday morning on its children's park project in Kagman.

Rotary Club president Leila Y. Boyer said they are planning to spend as much as \$60,000 for the park's construction.

Instead of an actual groundbreaking for the structure of the children's park, Boyer said they substituted it with a tree planting ceremony.

Boyer said they chose to plant a daok seedling because this tree specie is abundant on the island and is known for its shading capability.

"We're doing a ceremonial tree planting and we've set up a ribbon-cutting and planting a tree that's going to serve as one of the shades for the park. We chose the daok tree because it's an excellent shade tree and commonly planted throughout the Commonwealth."

Also, the daok tree's wood is hard and is of excellent quality and is used to make boats, timber, carabao carts, and large canoes. Its leaves can also be soaked in water and used as a remedy for sore eyes and is also good for the skin as a moisturizer.

Meanwhile, Boyer disclosed that the local Rotary Club has decided to name the children's park the Rotary Healthy Living Family Park.

"The park will be designed for the entire family. For example, we will have a play area for the children, a rubberized track for parents to walk around while their children are playing, and an obstacle course for teenagers.

"It's going to be a real fun place and we're so excited that we will be able to start this project and it's all because of the community's support and partnership. It's called the Rotary Healthy Living Family Park

## Paying it forward

In the spring, the Aquaculture Training OnLine Learning program, offered by College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources and Olomana Gardens, presented certificates with a specialty in aquaponics to its first five interns from Rota in the Northern Mariana Islands in a moving ceremony attended by Dean Gallo and Douglas Vincent (Human Nutrition, Food, and Animal Sciences) and broadcast to Rota.

Now the graduates, affectionately known as "The Magnificent 5," are ready to conduct training to community members and school students on Rota who are interested in aquaponics food production systems at their newly built Rota Aquaponic Education and Training Center. Just one more great example of the way CTAHR's education and extension seek to help communities to help themselves. (PR)

and we will encourage healthy living and wellness throughout our community."

Boyer thanked CNMI Forestry for providing the daok seedling and Seafix, Inc. for agreeing to help build the playground. She also extended her gratitude to the Governor's Office for giving the Rotary Club the property at the back of the Kagman Community Center for the park.

Rotary Club director Dennis Yoshimoto, who is overseeing



Boyer

the children's park project with director Laura Peterman, said that final plans and design for the Rotary Healthy Living Family Park is expected to be completed in January 2014.

"It may take one year to phase in all the features that we want. There will be a walking track that will connect it to the main pathway. There will also be the daok tree for shade for parents and there will be a bench for them to sit under. We will also install

children's playground equipment and extend the basketball court to make it a whole court. There also will be available WiFi."

Peterka said the project was

made possible by Rotary Club obligating a fixed amount of money the past five years from its annual Las Vegas Night event, which is the civic organization's

signature fundraising event.

Boyer said they set aside around \$5,000 every year so the Rotary Club now has \$25,000 to build the family park.

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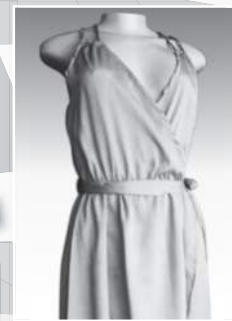


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## Supreme Court affirms Quemado's DUI conviction

The CNMI Supreme Court upheld yesterday Sandy B. Quemado's conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol in the case *Commonwealth v. Sandy Quemado*. Xiao appealed two issues from his trial: whether the trial court made a mistake in admitting a breath test result and whether a sufficient amount of evidence existed to convict Quemado.

This case arose as a result of a traffic accident. At trial, Quemado was convicted of both reckless driving and driving under the influence of alcohol. Quemado chose only to appeal his conviction for driving under the influence. This conviction was obtained under a provision

prohibiting driving with a blood alcohol content level of .08 percent or above.

In his appeal, Quemado specifically contended that the requirements for admitting his breath test result were not met. The Supreme Court disagreed, finding that a trained operator administered an appropriate device for accurately testing Quemado's blood alcohol content.

## WHO: Marshalls continues to battle high rates of TB

World Health Organization figures reveal the Marshall Islands continues to battle high rates of tuberculosis.

The WHO's Global Tuberculosis Report 2013 says the country has an estimated prevalence rate of 1,079 cases per 100,000

population.

A medical officer of health based in Fiji, Dr. Sunghye Kim, says the rising rate of TB may in part reflect more accurate reporting of the disease.

"The rate 10 years ago, it's increasing, it's increased, and

result itself, represented sufficient evidence for any reasonable fact-finder to convict Quemado of driving under the influence of alcohol.

The Supreme Court's full opinion is *Commonwealth v. Quemado*, 2013 MP 13, and can be found at <http://www.cnmilaw.org/supreme13.html>. (NMI Judiciary)

## Kim says it is very difficult to treat TB in small, isolated countries and Kiribati and the Federated States of Micronesia are also battling high TB rates. (RNZI)

if we question why, it doesn't necessarily mean the situation is getting worse."

Kim says it is very difficult to treat TB in small, isolated countries and Kiribati and the Federated States of Micronesia are also battling high TB rates. (RNZI)

## 2 reappointed to BOR, CHCC board

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Two members of equally important boards got the approving nod of Gov. Eloy S. Inos after the chief executive officer re-appointed them to their posts. If confirmed by the Senate, this will give each member another term in office.

On Wednesday, Juan T. Lizama and Roy Rios were reappointed to the Board of Regents and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board of trustees, respectively. Both appointments require the consent of the Senate.

Lizama's term on the Board

of Regents will expire on Nov. 13. If confirmed anew, he will serve a four-year term that will expire on Nov. 13, 2017.

"I am confident that you will continue to be an asset to our only educational institution of higher learning. If my office can be of any assistance relative to your reappointment and confirmation, please let me know. Your willingness to serve our people is most appreciated," stated the governor in his letter to Lizama on Wednesday.

In his endorsement letter to the Senate, Inos emphasized his confidence in Lizama, describing the board as critical

to NMC's stability and that Lizama's re-appointment will ensure consistency and continuity in fulfilling the goals and objectives of the Northern Marianas College. Lizama was the Board of Regents' chairman.

The term of another regent, Malua Peter, is expiring on Nov. 14.

The other regents are Elaine Orilla, Michaela Sanchez, Frank Rabauliman, William Torres, and Dr. Elizabeth Rechebei.

Meantime, Rios was reappointed for his second term on the CHCC advisory board. His term expired on Oct. 24.

"The corporation is mandated to coordinate and provide the

delivery of quality healthcare to the people of the Commonwealth in a financially responsible manner. I am confident that Mr. Rios will continue to devote his time and efforts on this important board," Inos said.

Because the terms of the CHCC board of trustees are staggered, the actual expiration date will be determined later.

Rios, if confirmed, will rejoin fellow trustees Joaquin Torres, Pete Dela Cruz, Anthony Raho, Dr. Sherleen Osman, interim CEO Esther Muña, and acting CFO Cora Ada. Currently vacant on the board is the slot vacated by Anthony Aguon from Tinian who recently quit the post.

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

November 8, 2005

### CEC: New ballot design lessened spoilage

The new ballot design significantly reduced the number of spoiled votes in this year's general election, according to the Commonwealth Election Commission. CEC executive director Gregorio Sablan estimated Sunday morning that the number of overvotes this election declined by 80 percent compared with the 2001 election. An overvote occurs when a voter picks more candidates than there are available positions in a race. An undervote occurs when a ballot misses one or more votes for a specific office.

### 'Overhaul visitor industry, create tourism master plan'

To arrest the further decline in the tourism industry, a newly formed group is suggesting the immediate adoption of a new 10-year tourism master plan in the CNMI addressing all pressing issues facing the sector. The CNMI Enterprise Group also recommends making Marianas Visitors Authority board members more accountable by requiring them to resign their posts in case of consistent tourist arrival declines in two years, for instance. The group, led by former chief justice Jose S. Dela Cruz, said that legislation must be enacted to limit to a maximum of two four-year terms the tenure of MVA board members. The legislation, it said, should also hold them accountable "for any decline in the number of visitors to the Commonwealth in any given year."

November 8, 2006

### 3 vehicles set on fire

Three vehicles were set on fire by unidentified perpetrators in separate incidents Monday in Sadog Tasi, San Roque, and in As Lito. No one was hurt in the incidents. Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. said all three were arson-related but, as of this time, it is not yet determined if they were caused by the same suspect or suspects. So as not to jeopardize the ongoing investigations, Blas refused to disclose what material was used to set off the fires. The spokesman said DPS received the first call of a vehicle on fire at 4:40pm that occurred near Rifu Garment in Sadog Tasi.

### Study: Garment firms exceed environmental indices

Saipan garment factories use up too much energy and water and generates too much solid waste, according to a study by a U.S.-based environmental consulting firm. Tetra Tech Em. Inc., which prepared the Green Garments Guidebook, said that garment companies could improve their environmental performance by conserving water and energy, and minimizing waste. Tetra Tech prepared the guidebook with funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, administered by the CNMI Division of Environmental Agency.

November 8, 2007

### Fitial asks Cabinet to resign

In an apparent bid to keep his Cabinet on its toes, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial asked his appointees to turn in their resignations yesterday. The resignations will be in effect when Fitial accepts them. The governor is expected to announce his decision on each appointee in January 2008. In the meantime, everyone's performance will be under scrutiny. This means the governor's request for courtesy resignations may or may not result in a new set of Cabinet members by the second half of the Fitial-Villagomez term. "I want them to know that I'm going to review their performances. Those who perform according to the administration's goals will be reappointed. Those who don't will be dealt with otherwise," Fitial said.

### Cohen: Grants not a blank check for NMI

The federal government says its proposed terms for the labor and immigration initiative grant are reasonable and have nothing to do with the federalization debate. David B. Cohen, deputy assistant secretary for insular affairs, said yesterday that there is no reason the CNMI government should forfeit the \$420,000 grant, as well as possible addition of \$500,000, simply because the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs is taking steps to ensure that U.S. taxpayer funds are properly spent. "Our CNMI Initiative grants are not and never have been a blank check to the CNMI government. These are U.S. taxpayer funds, and my office has a duty to ensure that the funds are allocated effectively to address important needs in labor and immigration," Cohen said.



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## Southern TV Guangdong in NMI this week

Southern Television Guangdong, or STV, is filming on location in the Northern Mariana Islands this week to highlight the tourism attractions of this beach resort destination in the western Pacific.

The 10-member production team and New Silk Road Model Contest final candidates arrived in Saipan on Nov. 5 for a four-day shoot on the island and the neighboring island of Tinian.

STV airs to more than 2 million households and will broadcast features about the Northern Marianas on Nov. 25 and Dec. 31, 2013, providing an estimated \$59,200 ad exposure value.

"We're excited to have Southern Television Guangdong in the Northern Marianas this

week to help build awareness of the islands and all we have to offer," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "Some of the activities on their full itinerary include a jungle tour, dinner cruise, indigenous dinner show and barbecue, and tours of both Saipan and Tinian."

The team is also scheduled to take an island tour of Saipan and Tinian, film shopping at DFS Saipan, participate in watersports, and other activities while filming the models at rest and at play.

The film crew and models return to China on Saturday, Nov. 9.

Currently, the Northern Marianas receives direct flights from Guangzhou, Shanghai and Beijing. (MVA)

## Assistance coming to Guam's farmers

Guam Sen. Aline A. Yamashita, PhD, applauds Gov. Eddie Calvo for following through on his commitment to help island farmers who have been hard hit by the deluge of storms and heavy winds of past weeks. The Guam Economic Development Authority met yesterday to discuss a plan for financial relief for qualified farmers.

"Thanks to the governor's action and efforts of GEDA, island farmers will soon receive help and island residents will be able to again enjoy fresh Guam-grown produce and vegetables hopefully by Christmas," said Yamashita. "We asked for help for the farmers and the farmers will receive it."

Concerted efforts were kick

started after Yamashita met with about a dozen island farmers, USDA representatives and Department of Agriculture officials

**» Yamashita thanks governor for helping farmers**

on Oct. 21, 2013, after receiving a distress call from an island farmer. At the senator's request, Calvo met with more than 50 of the islands' farmers and representatives of island entities who assist Guam's agricultural community to listen to their plight—the loss of crops and the devastating impact to their livelihoods caused by heavy rains and winds from three storms and Typhoon Francisco. The governor listened and stated his commitment to help bring the farmers some relief. Several senators were also in attendance. (PR)

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) announced yesterday that federal energy assistance grant funds are being released for fiscal year 2014. The Northern Mariana Islands is scheduled to receive \$56,000 for the year from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, more commonly known as LIHEAP.

"Energy costs are high in the Northern Marianas and LIHEAP is an important way for Congress to assist those in need," Sablan said. "We face electrical rates almost four times the national average and require home cooling year around, so every dollar is helpful."

Because Congress has yet to agree on total appropriations for

fiscal 2014 the LIHEAP grant announced yesterday is only about 90 percent of the expected annual grant. The Northern Marianas will receive \$50,000 initially and the balance sometime after Jan. 15, when fiscal year 2014 appropriations should be finalized. Yesterday's release does factor in the effect of sequestration, the forced across-the-board cuts required by the Budget Control Act of 2011.

LIHEAP provides financial assistance to qualified low-income households to pay for heating or cooling costs. States and territories set the income threshold for recipients, although under federal law households cannot earn more than 150 percent of the federal poverty

level or more than 60 percent of state/territorial median income level, whichever is higher.

The territories' congressional representatives have petitioned the Secretary of Health and Human Services to increase grant amounts for the island areas, which the Secretary currently has legal authority to do. But so far, no adjustment has been made.

"I understand that the Department [of Health and Human Services] is doing a very thorough analysis of our request," Sablan said. "Any change the Secretary makes in our allotment has to be well-supported by data, because there are limited dollars available. Giving more to the insular areas necessarily means others receive less." (Office of the Delegate)

## Public Law 18-21 disbursements

The NMI Retirement Fund is reminding all defined contribution plan members who submitted an application for an in-service plan distribution pursuant to Public Law 18-21 during the week of Oct. 14-18, 2013, that

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Advisory Board of Trustees of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Conference Room #3, Lower Navy Hill, Saipan to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

#### AGENDA

- I. **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Public Comments
- II. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- III. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
  - October 8, 2013
- IV. **MANAGEMENT REPORTS**
- V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - Special Committee Summary Report on CHCC Strategic Plan update
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## Think it, and a computer will make it happen

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Newsday*Peter Goldmark, a former budget director of New York State and former publisher of the International Herald Tribune, headed the climate program at the Environmental Defense Fund. He wrote this for Newsday.*

We've learned that most of what the brain does consists of receiving, sending and processing electrical signals.

And we've seen what modern technology can do in terms of capturing and interpreting digital signals. Just ask the presidents of Germany and Brazil, whose phone conversations were hacked by modern American signal-capturing equipment.

So wouldn't it be logical to expect that techies would be trying to connect signals from the brain directly to computers to perform tasks the brain commands?

Guess what: It's happening. They call it brain-computer interface (BCI) and it's a cutting-edge scientific field that will some day engineer direct electronic commands from your brain to a computer, and then from the computer to a robot or a 3-D printer or perhaps a stock market exchange or a drone.

Many activities in our brain have electronic signatures that scientists are learning to read. There have been experiments at Brown University and the University of Pittsburgh in which someone who has lost an arm can "instruct" an artificial limb to grab something purely through mental activity. At this early stage in the research, a small electrode must be planted on or inside the brain to allow the subject to interact with the computer that controls the movement of the artificial limb. But that will not always be the case. A lab at Samsung Corp. is working on devices that would be placed on a person's head like a cap to detect and translate the weak electrical signals of brain activity. It will be a small step from a cap to something like the computerized glasses Google is working on which allow a person to nod to turn a computer on or off, or wink to take a picture.

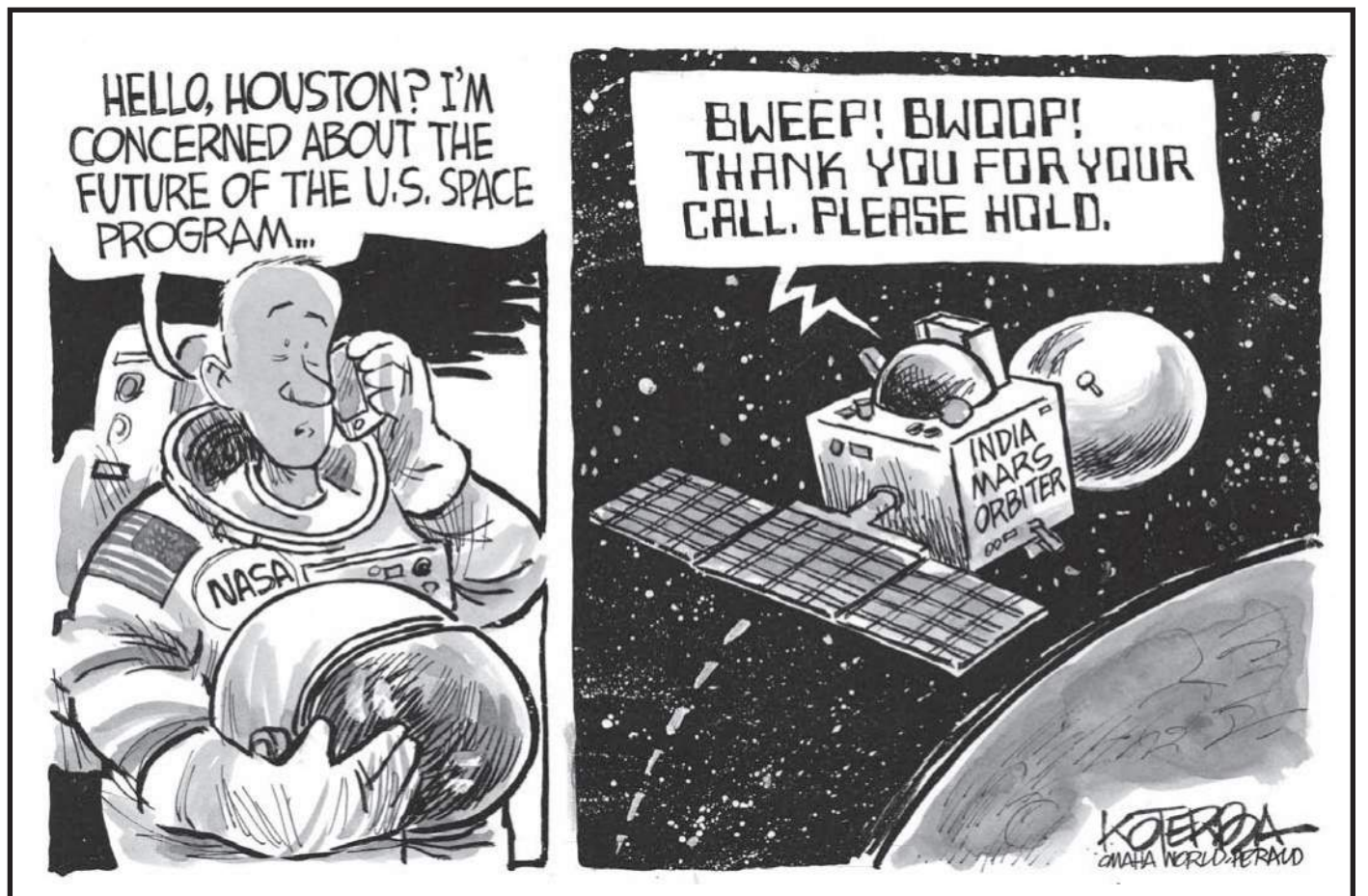
Like the research that originally led to the Internet, much of the early work in the area of brain-computer interface has been commissioned and financed by the Defense Department. Researchers at the University of Washington published findings this summer that show how the part of the brain that is sending the "instruction" draws on many other parts of the brain to formulate and transmit the "message." The implication of this is that you don't have to find "the right neuron" in the brain to attach the electrode to; the brain itself may learn to find "the right neurons" and hook them up to the BCI, according to researchers.

Several high-tech companies already are working on BCI applications, and you may see some soon.

NeuroSky, a Silicon Calley company, has released a Bluetooth-headset that can monitor slight changes in brain waves and enable users to play concentration-based games on computers and smartphones. In one game you have to dodge bullets—and in this app your mind is the joystick. In some experiments, subjects have moved the cursor on a computer screen through mental activity alone.

Carmakers are working on gimmicks they can put into seat backs that will detect a change in brain waves if you begin to fall asleep while driving. The device will rattle the steering wheel or shake the seat to wake you up. (Personally, I'd prefer a trumpet blast from the radio.)

Wizards in the Defense Department are reportedly working on both human and robotic "super soldiers." The human variety, re-

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## Venus

As a capper to happy hour tonight, just after the sun sets you'll notice a really bright object hanging between the moon and the horizon. It looks like a star, but it's really a planet. This is our sister planet, Venus.

Venus has been putting on such an impressive showing lately that it deserves a few words.

Besides the moon, it's the brightest thing in the sky now. Nothing else comes close.

You'll have to be quick to catch it, since Venus will set roughly two hours after the sun does.

Venus is mysterious. When I was a kid they didn't know much about it. I remember an artist's conception in a science book that envisioned Venus as a hot, lush, steamy jungle, with giant vines and trees.

One reason for all the mystery was the dense atmosphere and opaque cloud cover of Venus. This hid the surface from visual observation.

It's these clouds that make the planet so bright to Earthbound observers. Venus' clouds efficiently reflect sunlight.

Venus is named after the Roman goddess of love. The Greek name is "Aphrodite."

Tonight, Venus is about 57 million miles away from Earth. Venus is similar in size to Earth, hence its status as our sister planet. Venus is the next closest planet to the sun from us.

But Venus doesn't have much in common with Earth in any livable sense. Its dense atmosphere, mostly carbon dioxide, creates a greenhouse effect and the temperature at the surface can hit around 900 degrees F. It has clouds of sulfuric acid. This just goes to prove that getting entangled with the love goddess is a recipe for doom.

Although American missions flew probes near Venus, only the Soviets managed to actually land there. They did it a few times. Their first successful landing was the Venera 7 lander, in 1970.

According to a CalTech website, this was the first spacecraft to land on another planet.

There was, in fact, a long line of sequentially-numbered Venera probes sent by the Soviets to investigate this mysterious planet, spanning the early '60s to the '80s.

A 1975 Venera mission produced the first photos sent from Venus' surface. It turned out to be a scorching-hot desert riddled with giant volcanoes. The lush jungle notion from my old science book proved to be off the mark.

Despite the freaky nature of Venus, the fact that it can be so prominent in the sky, and its sister planet status, we don't hear much about it these days.

By ED STEPHENS

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Visit Ed at [EdStephensJr.com](http://EdStephensJr.com). His column runs every Friday.

These days, Mars gets most of our solar press. For example, NASA's Mars exploration vehicle, dubbed *Curiosity*, is currently roving on the surface of the planet, doing all sorts of tests and sending all sorts of data back to earth.

But even Mars is getting trumped by something else on the planetary front: exoplanets. These are planets outside of our solar system. This is big news and will be getting bigger.

When I went to a lecture on the topic earlier this year, given by a scientist involved with the Kepler satellite program, some 888 exoplanets had been discovered. But progress has come so fast that there are now over 3,500 candidates on the list, which is keeping the scientists busy as they sort out what's really a planet, and what isn't.

See all those stars out there? It's estimated that there are as many planets out there as there are stars. That would put the number of planets in just our galaxy at somewhere between 100 billion and 400 billion. That's a

lot of planets.

As you can imagine, a lot of attention is being given to Earth-like planets that are temperate enough to allow for liquid water, and they have, indeed, found such worlds. They may be quite common.

Exoplanets are detected using very sensitive sensors and all sorts of fancy calculations, so a slob like me with a backyard telescope will never see one. So, in the planet realm, I'll have to content myself with what our solar system offers.

Which brings us back to Venus.

Venus, through my telescope, or any other scope I've looked through, is just a white, featureless blob, often in a crescent shape.

Fortunately, surface photos from the Soviet Venera missions are easy to find on the Web.

So, Venus: There is it. No, here it is!

When you see it, at least you know what's out there: A Hell-broth of super-high temperatures, weird volcanoes, clouds of acid, and the lonely bones of a few brave and lonely little probes that were sent on one-way trips, never to return home.





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# Let's rebuild paradise

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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There's the truth that policy dictates everything, i.e., a country's economic wellbeing—whether for prosperity or mediocrity in bankruptcy. Our recent past gives us valuable time for introspection or a quiet review of our journey in economic devastation and huge revenue losses.

It's not a fun ride gazing at the huge drop in revenues. In recent past we went from an annual budget of \$256 million to \$123 million today. The amount of debts today hogties growth and inhibits the ability of our government to meet the delivery of public services that spike by leaps and bounds annually.

I liken our fiscal posture to that of a 1,200 foot-long ship sitting in the harbor basically stationary for more than 15 years. For all we know, it could topple over and head downstairs into oblivion. But we also know the value of its purpose and capability. It needs to be restarted so we move out of the harbor of mediocrity into the open ocean of real economic opportunities.

Nonetheless, we can't even move the cogs in the ship's engine so we could begin the slow turn in the other direction. You need not despair!

Understandably, it's riddled with disorientation. It's time for re-orientation so we give meaning to starting anew within the context of what's before us today.

We could quickly repair the immobile ship of bankruptcy by embracing the \$800 million mega-investment being offered by Green Globe Solutions and Agility. It's time to change the wide spread of hardship coming from a highly dysfunctional economy.

**It's 'fish in boat'**

There are prospects for investments in the islands hovering at a distance. What we have is already on the horizon or more like "fish in boat" that is worth more than the millions of fish out in the open waters.

It's basically tourism oriented, all of which must eventually be hooked up to reliable and affordable power. Their role would be complementary as we work on economic diversification.

The two mega-projects would trigger business expansion and new startups and a ship repair and building facility that would place the CNMI on the global map.

The economic dystopia that annihilated our economic foundation by various federal and local laws fast-tracked the exodus of foreign capital, flushed out the floodgates of the river of no return. I recall the cumulative loss of some \$7 billion.

Local officials did what needed to be done to ease the huge drop in revenue generation. But an island economy being what it is—not endowed with natural resources—we even chanced approving predatory policies that only pushed revenue losses further south.

It's time that we bring our barges out to sea and guide the flagship of economic prosperity home. I've done due diligence on all the globally famous firms behind the project and it would be one of grand negligence if we don't take advantage of it today.

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ports Dr. Gareth Evans of the University of Durham in Great Britain, would use BCI technology to manage an entire range of weapon capabilities.

The Defense Department researchers also are apparently looking into whether BCI and other lines of research could help the "super soldiers" ignore such inconvenient obstacles as conscience or empathy that might interfere with the most efficient possible discharge of their duties.

BCI may not be a one-way street. If the brain can communicate with the computer, then there is no reason the computer should not someday be able to send instructions to the brain. And then maybe someone can hack your mind.

You think the Internet changed the world? Wait till you see what BCI does.

Imagine the huge dent it would make—embracing the concept of "wealth and jobs creation," which is the mantra of 50 governors across the country, Japan, and Asian countries. The mega-investment of some \$800 million is a huge sum we'd never come across again if we ignore it. It would create and generate revenues, kick start investment once more, attract and gravitate other mega-investments to the NMI while it opens more than a thousand jobs for our people.

It would eventually grant the CNMI the ability to reboot its annual revenues. It sets it up to do away with joblessness, underemployment, the return of the 25-percent cut in retirees' pay (and even grant COLA), and prop up more funds for healthcare including medical referral, among others. It would also give us the opportunity to trash bond floatation (generational loan) so we don't unnecessarily hinder the economic freedom of our children.

If you recall, the peak of the apparel industry here enabled it to rake in \$1.2 billion annually. What we have awaiting escort in the horizon is far larger and more permanent than anything we've seen in our developmental history over the last seven decades. Furthermore, the CNMI hasn't seen any investment of appreciable magnitude such as this since 2005. What I've presented would move the needle of growth once more to the level of stability and prosperity.

The time to begin anew with stronger economic foundation and vision is now. We need to set the stage so that our children could enjoy their economic freedoms too. Economic dystopia—where nothing works—must end. It need not be this way! Let's join hands and make a difference. We can do it by embracing the two mega-

investments or projects.

**Economic diversification**

The CNMI isn't endowed with natural resources like oil-rich Texas to rely upon when its economy crashes. We rely heavily on tourism, a volatile industry that shifts from the severity of external influences, i.e., the Asian financial crisis.

However encouraging the resurgence of the industry, its volatility makes it imperative that we explore other investments as a matter of course or diversification so we don't suffer heavy revenue losses when tourism tumbles. This is a must and the mega-projects before us are the immediate and long-term answers to fostering economic growth and stability.

**Texas is fourth in wind power**

Texas is fourth in the country using windmill power generation over solar and fossil fuel. Eventually, this form of alternative energy would overtake the other two. In short, the state-of-the-art technology on windmill now in place lures more investments to the Lone State, triggered by inexpensive power rates for both residential and commercial clientele.

Indeed, the state-of-the-art windmill power generation technology is basically above our heads given that most of us aren't engineers or technical people. But it's good to learn more about it. We should be well on our way to reviving investments from residual businesses to other mega-investments. For a resource-poor archipelago, it's wise to embrace policy issues that encourage greater economic prosperity.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

## Irresponsible government

It is very disheartening to read in the newspaper that CUC will increase its power rates to get the fuel pipeline construction going. CUC is lacking \$1.84 million to complete its fuel pipeline project. The only source for CUC to generate this amount is to have us dig deeper into our pockets to pay for the increase, all because Gov. Eloy Inos shielded his administration with Executive Order 2013-22 to allow him to get away from paying his administration's \$18 million obligation to CUC. If only Gov. Inos is paying his administration's power bill, CUC will not be lacking \$1.84 million and we the people will not be painfully digging deeper into our pockets. How irresponsible and cold-hearted could he be to further aggravate our sufferings and insult us! Is it not enough with what he did diminishing retirees pension by 25 percent? Yet he still wants us to pay for his administration's luxury use of power and air conditioning to make him comfortable in our public office? Time is ticking for your eradication in our public office!

The 18th Legislature passed H.B. 18-130, SD1 and headed to the Governor's Office for his signature. H.B. 18-130 amended P.L. 18-18 to provide an appropriation to fund the retirement benefits of the 16 retirees who opted out from the Betty Johnson settlement agreement. The bill did not contain any stipulation that the 16 opt-out retirees' benefits will be diminished by 25 percent. Yet Gov. Inos went ahead and paid the 16 opt-out retirees only 75 percent of their

pension. I asked Senate President Ralph Torres as to why the opt-outs only got paid 75 percent. His answer was "because the Betty Johnson settlement agreement don't allow opt-out retirees to be paid more than 75 percent." It appears that Ralph Torres fell short in his comprehension of the Betty Johnson settlement agreement. The settlement agreement did not stipulate that opt-outs cannot be paid more than 75 percent. It only stipulated that when opt-outs are paid more than the class members, then the government must pay more to equal the amount paid to the opt-outs. Mr. Senate President, are you implying that the Betty Johnson settlement agreement is more supreme and above our NMI Constitution? Why do you think I opted out? For your information, it was because I did not agree to waive my constitutional right for my pension to be diminished! Why should I, when it is the government under the Fitiaf and Inos administrations that deliberately messed up the NMI Retirement Fund?

Dear people of the CNMI, this is the type of irresponsible people who will again be asking us for our vote of confidence this coming Nov. 4, 2014, general election. Let us eradicate these political termites for they have no respect for our NMI Constitution and our rights!

**Jesus I. Taisague**

*Koblerville, Saipan*

## Nay to what you say

Requesting for the Legislature to increase the minimum wage is not an intelligent thing to say, considering the fact that it was you who introduced H.R. 2200 that became law, which delayed the CNMI's annual 50-cent minimum wage increase every other year. I have mixed reactions to the wage hike. There is the good, the bad, and the ugly. Many businesses are already paying above the minimum as they fit when their business is picking up. It is at their discretion to award hardworking personnel.

If a business is not making good in profit, then they cut hours or just close shop. We all want an increase in wages but it has devastating effects. In American Samoa, two tuna canneries closed shop not long after the mandate, leaving 2,000 locals out of jobs. I'm just saying that we all love spending power but also hate cuts in hours. Mr. Delegate, honestly, I am not a fan of some of your sayings. I hope you read the online comments as it has valid points that I want to share. Here's one of my favorite lines and I quote:

Kaverin: "It appears from the article that Kilili has asked our local legislature to increase the local minimum wage (\$3.05), not the federal minimum wage (\$5.55). The federal minimum wage for the CNMI is based on the FLSA, and a lot of small businesses that do not engage in interstate commerce are exempt from the FLSA. Each state has its own state minimum wage, which can be different from the federal minimum wage. In the case of the CNMI, the local mini-

mum wage is still \$3.05."

"Under the current law, it is perfectly legal for many small businesses to pay their employees wages lower than \$5.55 (but above \$3.05), as long as the company's business does not involve interstate commerce and their employees do not receive credit card payments, make interstate phone calls, etc. as part of their duties. Of course, most exempt employers are paying \$5.55 or higher anyway, but not all. What Kilili is asking the Legislature to do is to increase the local minimum wage from \$3.05 to a higher amount, perhaps even match the current federal rate of \$5.55, so that the few workers out there still getting \$3.05 may finally get that pay raise.

"The downside, of course, is that some employees who are currently working for \$3.05 will end up losing their jobs instead of receiving a pay raise, if the employer was only able to afford paying his/her wages on the lower rate of \$3.05. When an employee is given the choice of a lower-paying job or no job at all, his/her obvious choice will be the lower paying job. So, at what amount will the new minimum wage not result in lost jobs? That is always the question with minimum wage law."

**Vince G. Cabrera**






*Chalan Piao, Saipan*



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 25 mph.	Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 25 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Windy	▲84 ▼81
Palau	Showers	▲83 ▼80
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼79
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼80

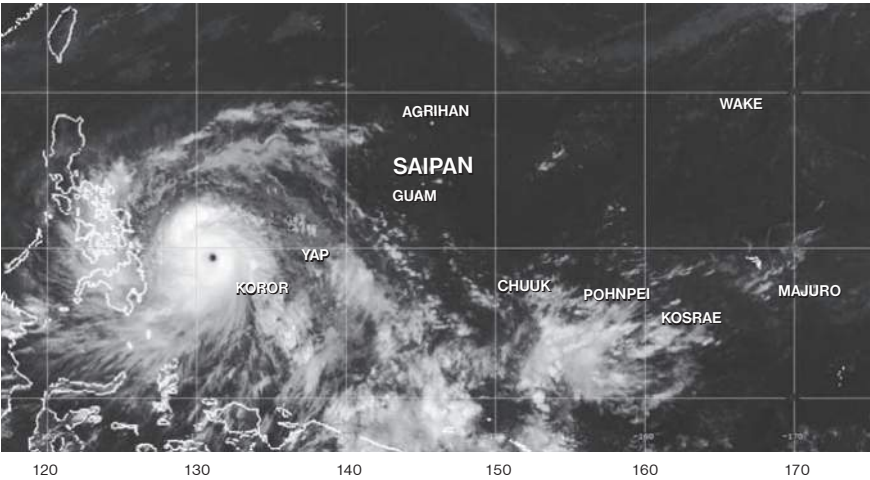
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲65 ▼56
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲58 ▼41
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲77 ▼71
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	▲84 ▼72
London	Showers	▲54 ▼40
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲82 ▼57
Manila	Rain	▲82 ▼78
Melbourne	Showers	▲66 ▼51
Miami	Showers	▲84 ▼74
New York	Showers	▲62 ▼39
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲67 ▼46
Paris	Showers	▲57 ▼44
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲61 ▼56
Rome	Showers	▲72 ▼63
Salem	Rain	▲55 ▼45
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼50
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲56 ▼41
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼49
Washington, DC	Showers	▲60 ▼37

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:54 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
12:05 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
5:45 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
10:20 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Super Typhoon Haiyan (31W) is centered 205 miles northwest of Koror in Palau at 9N132E with maximum sustained winds of 175 mph and is moving west at 21 mph. Heavy rain and scattered thunderstorms are present within 200 miles of the center which is now mainly west of Koror. For more information on Haiyan, refer to public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ33 PGUM and bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN33 PGTW. Southwest winds converging with southeast winds in the air flowing into Haiyan are causing two areas of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. The first is over western Yap State between the equator and 7N from 136E to 140E. The second area of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms is found just east of Yap island within 60 miles of a line from 10N139E to 1N145E. Converging winds farther north of Haiyan are causing isolated thunderstorms west of the Marianas between 12N and 19N from 130E to 142E. Trade-wind convergence east of Haiyan is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Chuuk and Pohnpei between the equator and 6N from 150E to 162E. A trade-wind disturbance is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in two areas of the Marshall Islands. The first is within 60 miles of a line from 8N163E to 10N171E which includes Kwajalein atoll. The other is east of Majuro between 5N and 8N from 173E to 179E. A shear line curves west-southwestward from 25N169E to 22N160E to 22N152E to 25N147E. Scattered showers are evident along and up to 100 miles north of this feature.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:16 AM	5:46 PM
Saturday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
Sunday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
Monday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
Tuesday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:36 AM	10:24 PM
Saturday	11:29 AM	11:23 PM
Sunday	12:19 PM	
Monday	1:06 PM	12:21 AM
Tuesday	1:50 PM	1:17 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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<b>SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)</b> UA5039 1:35pm 2:10pm 1, 4, 5, 7	<b>GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)</b> UA5038 12:10pm 12:45pm 2, 3, 6
<b>ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)</b> UA5039 2:40pm 3:10pm 1, 4, 5, 7	<b>ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN</b> UA5038 1:15pm 1:50pm 2, 3, 6
<b>SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)</b> DL287 6:05am 11:25pm 2, 6 via NRT	<b>PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN</b> DL298 4:35am 3:00pm 3, 7 via NRT
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<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>							
FRE 1750	17:50	18:20	Daily	<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A good shepherd or not?

**T**he news article, "Kilili says he's too busy for politics," is another example of a "big man" of the CNMI trying to distract the day's agenda. It seems Mr. Sablan is cursing and blessing the CNMI indigenous people as fools by a mindset that treats these group of people as politically ignorant of things he does in Washington, D.C. Is this just a misstatement or mistake? Or is he thinking that it is possible to be both a liar and an honest politician? Or does his thinking fall in the category of deception? What kind of "politics" is Mr. Gregorio Sablan practicing that is not "politics"?

The indigenous people of these islands must start paying close attention and begin engaging in thoughtful participation to address immigration matters that Mr. Gregorio Sablan seems to be playing with the lives of the indigenous people. If the immigration legislation in Washington, D.C. is left unchecked because of our complacency, the social fabric of the indigenous people in the CNMI will meet an irreversible disaster.

It seems that the indigenous people of the CNMI are being used as pawns in the politics of Mr. Gregorio Sablan. A villain lies to someone to get them to go along with a plan that will ultimately hurt those that they care about, or otherwise makes a promise that he has no intention of keeping. The cue here is the use of "loopholes," of-

ten the favored way to establish rational explanation of the idea that "all is equal under the law." And this is the bottom line of the hidden deception revealed by the rational argument of Mr. Gregorio Sablan thus far. Think about it as a placebo or the power of suggestion: I am doing this for your best interest. But, in reality, it is the opposite.

A representative democracy relies on elected officials of the people, whose job it is to draft and vote on laws, in theory in accordance with the values of the citizen voters they represent. In the CNMI, the population consists of citizens and non-citizens. Exactly five years ago, Mr. Gregorio Sablan asked the citizen voters of the NMI: Do you like me to be your representative in the U.S. Congress? The citizen voters responded with their "trust" and "expectations" and thus Mr. Sablan received the majority votes to win the election as a delegate to Congress where he will represent the citizens of the CNMI. The indigenous people comprise the majority of the voting public on these islands who are citizen to these islands. Who are these indigenous people of the CNMI? These are people who are native to these islands and, over the course of centuries, making and developing a homogeneous culture, ethnic, and race identity. The indigenous people existed on these islands far longer than the existence of

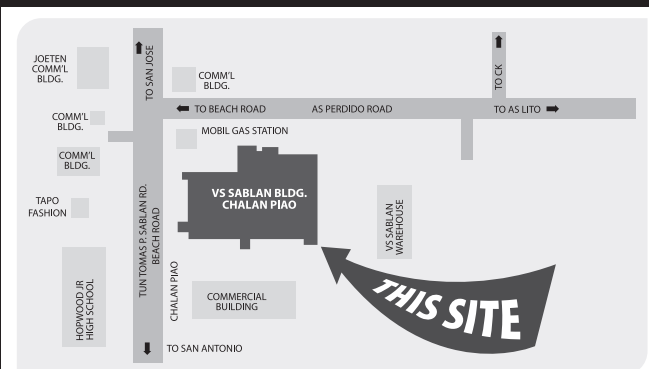
the United States.

All the pain, value, and worth of the indigenous people living in their own homeland are not a good enough "politics" under Mr. Sablan's selective interest. The irony in all these is that it was the citizen indigenous people that sent Mr. Sablan to represent their interest in Congress, but the politics and the rules of the game have turned the tide against the indigenous people in that these people has "struck out" and Mr. Sablan does not care. The harsh reality of the indigenous people today is expressed by what Benjamin Franklin once said: "Democracy is not freedom. Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to eat for lunch." In our case, Mr. Gregorio Sablan has bagged the indigenous people and the islands in the CNMI as the free lunch for all those non-citizen just waiting for the kill. What a disgrace and shame for a "big man" that now stands tall in ruining and hurting his very own people under the guise of politics.

Morality is the "I inside," Mr. Gregorio Sablan. If Mr. Sablan could not reach that level within his own mind and disposition, what will? This will manifest itself in the spoken words delivered and exchanged by Mr. Sablan. Integrity is choosing your

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/s/ Vivian T. Sablan  
DYS Administrator

/s/ Laura T. Ogumoro  
DCCA Secretary

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**A tax hike in the form of a rate hike**

Recent news reports say that CUC needs more money to pay for its obligations to run our utility in compliance with good business practices and EPA mandates. Because of poor management and government interference, CUC is being required to pay about \$1.8 million beyond revenues to build a new fuel line and storage tank. This expense should have been part of doing business several years ago.

My concern is: why doesn't the CNMI government pay

its bill? That should be more than enough money to cover this expense. I believe that the government uses CUC as a cash cow to take money from the people. This rate increase is really a type of tax. It is a lot easier to raise electric rates than to impose a new tax. When you pay the higher rates think about what you are really paying...a new tax because the CNMI government will not pay what they owe CUC. It is a way for the government to hide its incompetence for

running a utility.

Think about this when you vote next year. The government officials are not being honest with the people. Ask: "Why hasn't CUC been taken private?" I will tell you why—CUC is a tax tool for the government. You might be OK with this deception, but I would prefer open, transparent government that works for the people, not against the people.

**Frank Stewart**  
Capital Hill, Saipan

**SHEPHERD**

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thoughts and actions based on values rather than personal gains. What caused Mr. Sablan to think that the indigenous people is not good "politics" and does not carry weight as a cause for action or their issue is not real and problematic worth enough the trouble to fight for? It seems that the indigenous people put the wrong person as their representative in Washington D.C. This predicament must be critically examined very carefully by the indigenous people. The CNMI is not just good enough for federal grants and aids, we

have a more vital social issue that is greater than just loading the CNMI coffers with federal handouts and lying about it. This is a job that settles with bureaucrats in the CNMI government and Mr. Sablan is disingenuous in trashing those good people that really work earnestly in making federal grants of all sizes, shape and manner come to the CNMI.

Warren Buffet, a proven businessman and a person making billions on the things he does very well once said, "In looking for people to hire, you look for three qualities: integrity, intelligence, and energy. And if they don't have the first, the other two will kill you." With this as a backdrop,

I asked the indigenous people, did we honestly send the right person to represent our interest in Washington D.C.? If you recognize that people of character do the right thing even if no one else does, not because they think it will change the world but because they refuse to be changed by the world, then that is an excellent way to evaluate the future of the representative to Congress. We could take and use this benchmark to answer whether or not Mr. Gregorio Sablan is a good shepherd that will advance the interest of the indigenous people in their own islands.

**Francisco R. Agulto**  
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# Hopwood honored by recognition from Congress



MARK RABAGO  
Hopwood Junior High School principal Jonas Barcinas receives a commemorative plaque from Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan during the Public School System's Education Day celebration on Saipan last month.

Hopwood Junior High School principal Jonas Barcinas said it was a great honor for school to be recognized by no less than Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) during the Public School System's Education Day celebration on Saipan last month.

"I want to thank the office of our U.S. congressman for their diligent support and constant communication in providing them with all the information in order to make the tribute to Hopwood become a reality," Barcinas said.

Sablan, in the presence of Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Gov.

Jude U. Hofschneider, PSS Board of Education chair Herman Guerrero, and Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Inos, gave Hopwood and Barcinas a large plaque commemorating Hopwood's 50th year anniversary in 2012.

"We were very touched for such recognition... because we were recognized on this special day in front of all the PSS staff. Thank you, Kilili, for such a tribute and for all that you have done for Hopwood and the entire PSS family," said Barcinas.

Saipan Intermediate School, founded after World War II and

the first school to offer secondary education in the Northern Mariana Islands, was renamed Hopwood Junior Senior High School in 1962.

It was renamed in honor of Adm. Herbert Gladstone Hopwood, a Naval officer with 42 years of distinguished service to the U.S. armed forces, including three years as commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet.

"From its humble beginnings in 1949 and to this day, Hopwood is recognized as an institution that has played a historic role in our community and continues to serve a vital

role in the lives of our students and our community," Sablan's message in the commemorative plaque read.

"I have great confidence that the school will continue to distinguish itself in the years to come. And I offer my congratulations to all those who have been affiliated with Hopwood Junior High School over these

many years—teachers, staff, students, alumni, and parents," he added.

Barcinas said that Hopwood has gone through a lot of administrations each one made some great contribution to the success of this school.

"I guess I was the lucky one of the principals because a great funding source was present to

help us transform this ailing campus. The [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act] came just on the right time for us to help make the learning environment for our students much more conducive and safer for all. Now you can see the beautiful swan visible to the eyes for all our community." *(Mark Rabago)*

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## Motorists urged to watch out for HOM cyclists

The NMI Cycling Federation would like to notify to all motorists of the safety of cyclists training for the Hell of the Marianas. From now until Dec. 7, you'll see many cyclists riding all around the island, particularly on weekend and holiday mornings and evenings.

The 100-km (62-mile) course takes racers from Mariana Resort, south to Beach Road; PIC through Koblerville to the

Saipan International Airport, past Herman's Bakery through San Vicente, Papago, down to Lao Lao Golf Course entrance and back, down to Kingfisher Golf Links and back, down Capital Hill, to the top of San Roque's Radar Station, to Suicide Cliff, Bird Island Lookout, the Grotto, and back to Mariana Resort.

Approximately 200 cyclists

are expected to race in this international event with professionals from Australia, Russia, Korea, Japan, China, Switzerland, Guam, and Saipan.

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# Yvette's anti-bullying platform a result of experience

Newly crowned Miss Idaho USA Yvette Bennett can serve as a poster girl for the CNMI Public School System's anti-bullying campaign since, according to her father, the Saipan-born-and-raised lass was bullied herself in high school.

"Yvette's platform of 'anti-

bullying' is a direct result of her being bullied but she never told us until she was at Boise State. She was afraid we might do something crazy as she knows how protective we are of her," said Bennett's father, Ambrose.

The elder Bennett, a former teacher representative, suggests

that the Public School System use her daughter in its anti-bullying efforts. He speculates that Yvette's stance against anti-bullying probably won the nod of the 2014 Miss Idaho USA pageant held last weekend in Canyon County, Idaho.

"Yvette's platform plays big

in the judges' decision as youth are dying from bullying in the mainland. Yvette is clearly the ideal role model for students and even a poster girl. PSS can do a lot to help Yvette in the national competition by adopting her, which will demonstrate her ability to garner institutional and

public support for her cause."

Ambrose said that PSS using Yvette as some sort of spokesperson against its anti-bullying campaign is a win-win for both the 2014 Miss Idaho USA and public schools in the Commonwealth.

"PSS, along with all government and private organizations and businesses, can also help by promoting the online voting for Yvette in the Miss USA competition as she will need hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of votes to be in the top running for Miss USA. Yvette is now in the big-time on the national stage and we must do all we can to help Yvette respond to this immense challenge in a big way," he added.

Yvette and Miss Idaho Teen USA Hannah Menzner made their first official appearance as titleholders when they were guests of KTVB7 in Idaho last Nov. 4.

"A huge 'thank you' to the judges, my family, friends, and great supporters near and far. I truly feel so honored to have such a great opportunity once more. ...I'm so happy and proud to say that I'm the new Miss Idaho USA 2014! What a dream come true!" (*Mark Rabago*)

## JKPL catalogs 406 new books

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library added 406 new titles to its collection in September, according to circulation supervisor Ray Deleon Guerrero Jr.

He said the new books range from juveniles to young adults and adults. Among the recommended books and magazines they recently acquired include *Playing Right Field*, *Why Should I Save Energy?*, *Arthur Turns Green*, *Earth Day-Hooray!*, *Best-Loved Folktales of the World*, *The Dinner Party Cookbook*, *A Light Among Shadows*, *Plain Truth: A Novel*, *The Godfather of Kathmandu*, *The Buenos Aires Broken Hearts Club*, *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine, *People Weekly* magazine, *Rolling Stone* magazine, and *VOGUE* magazine.

"Our new collection of books will be appreciated by not only the regular patrons of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, but also by people who haven't visited their public library and have wondered what types of books and other items we release each month. It is not only to promote literacy each and everyday but to inform people what's new, what's up, and what's happening," said Deleon Guerrero.

For more information about the CNMI state library, visit the library Tuesday to Friday, from 10am to 6pm, and Saturday from 9am to 4 pm. The library is closed on Sundays, Mondays, and holidays. Call the library at 235-7316 or 7322 or visit its website, [www.cnmilibrary.com](http://www.cnmilibrary.com). (*Saipan Tribune*)

## Notice Of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, November 21st, 2013 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan (Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: [www.zoning.gov.mp](http://www.zoning.gov.mp))

### A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of October 31st, 2013 minutes
5. Public Comments

### B. Public Hearings

1. Conditional Use Application #2013-0856. Mr. Khan Mizanur of KCA Corp. is proposing to operate a Mom & Pop Grocery Store in an existing residential structure. This use is classified as Retail Sales, Light and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This proposal will be located in Chalan Kanoa on lot #011 H 22 which is zoned as Village Residential.

### C. Communications/ Reports

### D. Old Business

1. Update on Nuisance Abatement & Blighted Property Maintenance Act of 2013, authored by Representative Larry I. Deleon Guerrero, 18th CNMI Legislature
2. Saipan Zoning Law public outreach meetings

### E. New Business

1. Office operations report
2. Proposed changes in Zoning fees

### F. Executive (Closed) Session

### G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

## NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

### KCA Corporation dba: K&K Market

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. The KCA Corp. is proposing to operate a Mom & Pop grocery store in an existing residential structure. This use is classified as Retail Sales, Light and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This proposal will be located in Chalan Kanoa on lot #011 H 22 which is zoned as Village Residential.

**Date : November 21st, 2013 , Thursday**

**Time : 5:00 pm**

**Place : Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd flr, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan**

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan no later than 4:30pm, November 20th, 2013. Written comments may also be submitted via email to [therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp](mailto:therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp), via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Saipan Zoning Law of 2013).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

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# Cash for College workshops on Tinian, Rota on Saturday

The Northern Marianas College is inviting Tinian and Rota residents interested in pursuing higher education and looking to maximize their scholarship opportunities to attend the free "Cash for College" workshop this Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013.

The workshops will be held on Rota from 9am to 3pm at the NMC Rota Campus, and on Tinian from 9am to 1pm at NMC Tinian's Room D. These workshops will be ongoing sessions, so participants can stop by any time between 9am and before the end of the workshops.

At the workshops, participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid

forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, CNMI Scholarship, the TEACH Grant, and scholarships specifically for Tinian and Rota residents. Workshop participants will also be given assistance with the NMC admission application process.

In addition, those who participate in the workshop will qualify to have their NMC application fee and placement test fees waived for the upcoming Spring 2014 semester. This waiver represents a savings of up to \$75.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid passport, birth certificate, or green

card), three official transcripts, signed 2012 1040 tax form (2012 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes), and/or proof of CNMI residency for 2011 and 2012 (for example, CNMI 1040 tax form, employment verification from your employer, official transcripts, voters certification, etc.)

Note that there will also be a Cash for College workshop for Saipan residents on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, from 9am to 3pm in Building A at the NMC Saipan campus.

For additional information, contact NMC Tinian at (670) 433-0649 or NMC Rota at 532-9513, or visit [www.marianas.edu](http://www.marianas.edu). (NMC)

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy 2nd birthday to our little Timmy Time watching, Onin/Yice eating, "that's mine," talkative lil' ma'gas of ours, Kellen JoDanny Savea Deleon Guerrero! With love from Mommy, Daddy, Keo-Ana, and Kelome.



Happy birthday David Jesus "Prim" Indalecio! May God bless you on your special day. We love you! Love, your one and only sister, Eric, Izaiah Blaze, Mom, Dad, and the family.



Happy 27th birthday to Maria Nina Luisa Bonita Algarve Bejado Camacho! Greetings come from mommy.



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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Keaulei Rosario Deleon Guerrero for being selected "Student of the Week" at Garapan Elementary School. We are all very proud of you. Keep up the great work! Greetings coming out from Mom, Dad, Bas, Genesis, and the whole family.

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<del>Altima SV</del>	<del>DC2777</del>	<del>Blue</del>	<del>\$3,000.00</del>	<del>Escape S</del>	<del>DUD463</del>	<del>Blue</del>	<del>\$3,000.00</del>	<del>Fit Sport</del>	<del>DC0541</del>	<del>Black</del>	<del>\$2,500.00</del>
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<del>Rogue SV</del>	<del>DW035</del>	<del>Silver</del>	<del>\$2,000.00</del>	<del>F 150 XL</del>	<del>DFC307</del>	<del>White</del>	<del>\$3,000.00</del>	<del>Civic LX</del>	<del>DE0507</del>	<del>Gray</del>	<del>\$2,500.00</del>
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<del>Morano S</del>	<del>DW213</del>	<del>Silver</del>	<del>\$3,000.00</del>	<del>Explorer EcoBoost</del>	<del>DCC08</del>	<del>Red</del>	<del>\$3,000.00</del>	<del>CR-V LX</del>	<del>DL0236</del>	<del>White</del>	<del>\$3,000.00</del>
<del>Xterra S 4WD</del>	<del>DN810750</del>	<del>Gray</del>	<del>\$3,000.00</del>	<b>KIA</b>	<b>STOCK #</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Discount</b>	<del>CR-V LX AWD</del>	<del>DL021200</del>	<del>Brown</del>	<del>\$3,000.00</del>
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# Russian magazines highlight Northern Marianas

The Northern Mariana Islands are being highlighted by several Russian magazines this season, bringing an estimated \$850,000 in ad exposure value to this beach resort destination that has just announced the opening of a representative office in Russia.

Harper's Bazaar, L'etoile, Millionaire International magazine, Jet Set inflight magazine, and Aeroflot inflight magazine have all planned features on the Northern Mariana Islands for the fall season.

"With the appointment of our new marketing representative office in Russia, the timing is perfect for these five magazine features," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "With our weekly flights from Vladivostok and Khabarovsk now running, it's the perfect opportunity and time of year for Russians to escape to paradise here

in the Northern Marianas.”

While in the Northern Marianas, the media team took island tours of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The team also took a submarine tour, enjoyed a sunset dinner cruise, watched the SandCastle Saipan dinner show, visited the iconic Managaha island, went trolling, visited Mandi Asia Spa, covered shopping at DFS Saipan, had an off-road adventure and ATV tour, and experienced dinner at Shenanigan's and 360 Revolving Restaurant. Lodgings and amenities at Saipan World Resort, Aqua Resort Club, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Mariana Resort, Hyatt Regency Saipan, V-Marine Villa, and PIC Saipan were also covered.

*Harper's Bazaar* circulates to 570,000 readers and will run four pages on the NMI with an estimated ad exposure value of \$242,000. *L'etoile* circulates to

2.6 million readers, targets high income women with “good taste and sense of style.” The magazine will run four pages and a website feature on the NMI for an estimated ad exposure value of \$208,000. *Millionaire International* magazine targets owners of large companies, business representatives, and individuals with incomes over \$500,000. The magazine will feature four pages on the NMI with an estimated ad exposure value of \$180,000. The Aeroflot inflight magazine is read by approximately 1.8 million passengers a year and will feature four pages with an estimated ad exposure value of \$190,000. Jet Set is distributed in the business class on Ural Airlines flights, and in VIP lounges of Ural Airlines and will feature four pages on the NMI with an estimated ad exposure value of \$30,000. (MVA)





**MTEC ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS RECEIVE PRIZES**  
From left, Marianas High School students Solomon Ko (second place), Mary Grace Tiglao (first place), and Lee Ann Jastillana (third place) receive their prizes for sweeping the top high school division slots in the Marianas Tourism Education Council's essay contest, "Tourism is Everybody's Business 24/7 in the 670." On Nov. 5, 2013, the winners received cash prizes and in-kind donations from Marianas Visitors Authority/ MTEC, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Aqua Resort Club, DFS Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Saipan World Resort, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Mariana Resort & Spa, Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, and Saipan Sunset Dinner Cruise. Tiglao also won a round-trip ticket to the Guam Tourism Summit in January 2014.



From left, Garapan Elementary School students Alice Kim (first place), Carol Lee (second place), and Mary Danga (third place) receive their prizes for sweeping the elementary school division in the Marianas Tourism Education Council's essay contest, "Tourism is Everybody's Business 24/7 in the 670." The winners received cash prizes and in-kind donations from Marianas Visitors Authority/MTEC, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Aqua Resort Club, DFS Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Saipan World Resort, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Mariana Resort & Spa, Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, and Saipan Sunset Dinner Cruise.

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-005**

**ISLAND WIDE ROAD MARKING AND SIGNAGE UPGRADE, ROUTE 33 (BEACH ROAD), PROJECT NO. CM-NH-3000(014), SAIPAN**

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Island Wide Road Marking and Signage Upgrade Route 33 (Beach Road), Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package consisting of Plans, Specifications and Bid Documents will be available on or after **November 1, 2013** at Pacific Quick Print & Post, located in Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, is required to defray the cost of printing the package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **November 20, 2013**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **December 4, 2013 to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-005"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **December 10, 2013**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **December 10, 2013**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 10, 2013** and must be received no later than **December 18, 2013**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **December 23, 2013**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on **December 12, 2013**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **\$70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

b) Under penalty of perjury, a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash

2) US Gov't Securities

3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange

4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and

5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Two Hundred Ten (210) working days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed according to Table 108-1 of the standard Specification for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, FP-03

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN  
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director of Procurement & Supply

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-008**

**ISLAND WIDE ROAD MARKING AND SIGNAGE UPGRADE ROUTE 31 (CHALAN MONSIGNOR GUERRERO ROAD) PROJECT NO. CM-NH-3000(017), SAIPAN**

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Island Wide Road Marking and Signage Upgrade Route 31 (Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road), Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **October 25, 2013** at Pacific Quick Print & Post, located in Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, is required to defray the cost of printing the package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **November 13, 2013**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 27, 2013 to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-008"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **December 2, 2013**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **December 2, 2013** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 2, 2013** and must be received no later than **December 11, 2013**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **December 13, 2013**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on **December 5, 2013**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **\$70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

b) Under penalty of perjury, a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

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2) US Gov't Securities

3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange

4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and

5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit


Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Fifty (150) working days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed according to Table 108-1 of the standard Specification for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, FP-03

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN  
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director of Procurement & Supply





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INVITATION TO BID

ITB14-GOV-006

Replacement of Fire Pumps at the

Commonwealth Health Center – Garapan, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for supply, installation and commissioning of the fire pumps replaced at the Commonwealth Health Center – Garapan, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available Friday, October 25, 2013 at the Governor's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference/site visit for this project on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, 9:00AM ChST at the Commonwealth Health Center Telemetry Room. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST November 12, 2013 to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB14-GOV-006, Replacement of Fire Pumps at the Commonwealth Health Center"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST November 25, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 AM ChST November 25, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 25, 2013 and must be received no later than December 4, 2013 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 9:00 AM ChST December 5, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 AM ChST November 25, 2013.

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Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Fifty (150) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by One Hundred Fifty (150) calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director

Procurement and Supply, DOF



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attorney General, Joey P. San Nicolas delivers his opening remarks at the start of the law enforcement training on Tinian on Oct. 1, 2013. Behind him are, from left, Chief Prosecutor Shelli Neal and assistant attorney general Chemere McField.

# Successful law enforcement training conducted on Tinian

The CNMI Office of the Attorney General conducted its first series of law enforcement training on the island



PACIFIC MARINE ENTERPRISES, Inc.

Repairs/Service/Salvage/Boat Charter


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233-0744

PUBLIC NOTICE

HEREBY STATES THAT DPL PROPERTY LOT NO. 125 D 01 PUERTO RICO, SAIPAN HAS BEEN LEASED TO PACIFIC MARINE ENTERPRISES INC. AND IS NOW CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

PME MANAGEMENT



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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND

COMMUTER TERMINAL JANITORIAL SERVICES

PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-002-14

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for Janitorial Services for the Saipan International Airport and Commuter Terminal Non-Restricted Areas.

A CD-ROM containing the scope of work and other considerations of the proposal is available beginning November 8, 2013 from 0800 hours a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport upon the payment of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00). This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.


Interested proposers must submit one original and three copies of the sealed proposal. The sealed proposals must be submitted before 4:30 p.m., December 13, 2013, to the Office of the Executive Director on the aforementioned location.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MaryAnn Q. Lizama

Executive Director



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INVITATION TO BID

ITB14-GOV-002

Construction of the Kalabera Cave

Development Project – Marpi, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of the Kalabera Cave Development Project – Marpi, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available Friday, October 11, 2013 at the Governor's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$100.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference/site visit for this project on Friday, October 18, 2013, 9:00AM ChST at the project site in Marpi. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST October 25, 2013 to Mr. Carl Castro, Contracting Officer Technical Representative, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB14-GOV-002, Construction of the Kalabera Cave Development Project"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST November 12, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 AM ChST November 12, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 12, 2013 and must be received no later than November 21, 2013 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 AM ChST November 22, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 AM ChST November 12, 2013.

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Procurement and Supply, DOF

of Tinian on Oct. 1, 2013. Following the initial run of training held on Saipan by the OAG's Criminal Division, Tinian's law enforcement agencies had the opportunity to undergo valuable training skills aimed at enhancing their knowledge and job responsibilities in the area of law enforcement. Chief Prosecutor Shelli Neal was joined by assistant attorney general Chemere McField, who both presented at the training. Neal and McField were accompanied by the Attorney General, Joey P. San Nicolas who provided the introduction and opening remarks.

"Thirty-two law enforcement officials from various divisions including DPS, Fire, DLNR Fish & Wildlife, DLNR Quarantine, Customs, Gaming Commission, Commerce, Finance and Labor attended the Tinian Law Enforcement Training," according to Neal.

Topics were focused on the following: Checklist for Arrest Warrants, Preliminary Hearings, Collecting and Preserving Evidence, Interviewing Victims, Big Picture Testimony, Hearsay and Cross Examination. The next set of training will proceed as scheduling permits.

Neal said: "We were thrilled about the almost capacity turnout and appreciative of the officers participating during the training and their kind words about how helpful the training was."

The OAG continues to carry out its mission by implementing and conducting trainings that will be of great benefit to law enforcement agents here in the CNMI. *(Office of the Attorney General)*



# Christmas in the Marianas throughout December

The Marianas Visitors Authority, PDM Promoters, Inc. and other travel partners will celebrate “Christmas in the Marianas” every Saturday in December, offering weekly holiday entertainment for visitors and residents alike.

“Due to popular demand, we will again spread the ‘Christmas in the Marianas’ events across four Saturday in December to prolong the celebration and al-

low more visitors and residents to participate,” said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. “We hope the community will make ‘Christmas in the Marianas’ part of their weekend plans in December, as we share the holiday spirit with our visitors.”

The celebration will kick off on Dec. 7 with the annual schoolwide Christmas Tree Decoration Competition at Pas-

eo de Marianas in downtown Garapan. The trees, decorated with recyclable material, will remain on display at the pedestrian mall in Saipan’s main tourist district throughout the month. On Dec. 14, students will sing their hearts out at the annual Christmas Caroling Competition on stage at Paseo de Marianas. On Dec. 21, the Parade of Floats will be held around sunset from the Carolin-

ian Affairs Office in Garapan along Beach Road to American Memorial Park.

Festivities for the month culminate in the annual Mo-chitsuki Festival on Dec. 28, organized in collaboration with the Japanese Society. The festival marks the season preparation of *mochi*—a dough-like substance of glutinous rice—for the Japanese New Year. *(MVA)*

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the Tanapag Meeting Hall beach and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise

## Tanapag beach red-flagged

notified. Samples collected from this location contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci)

that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan’s recreational beaches and storm drainages every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. *(DEQ)*

### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**880 Duty Free** is inviting qualified candidates to fill the following position:

#### Executive Assistant (01)

**Job Duties:** Perform a variety of tasks related to the administrative support of the retail outlet. Assist Management and needs of employees. Manage cash management processes. Maintain safe work environment. Mentor others in the performance of their job duties. Communicate effectively with all contacts. Support all company policies and procedures. Ensure that all activities are consistent with company mission statement. Prepare invoices, reports, memos, letters, financial statements and other documents, using word processing, spreadsheet, database, or presentation software. Conduct research, compile data, and prepare papers for consideration and presentation by executives, committees and boards of directors. Attend meetings to record minutes. Greet visitors and determine whether they should be given access to specific individuals. Read and analyze incoming memos, submissions, and reports to determine their significance and plan their distribution. Perform general office duties such as ordering supplies, maintaining records management database systems, and performing basic bookkeeping work. Other duties as assigned from time to time.

**Requirements:** Knowledge of standard office equipments and basic arithmetic. Flexibility to perform assigned tasks independently or as part of a team. Sense of urgency. Ability to manage multiple priorities and meet frequent short timeline goals and deadlines. Possess superb customer service and communication skills. Have at least 1 or more years of work experience in retail industry. Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university in business management, or related area of study. Able to translate documents from and to the Chinese language. English and Chinese speaker preferred.

Applications may be obtained at the Kanoa Resort on Beach Road in Susupe, Saipan while resumes may be emailed to [camille.orallo@saipan.travel](mailto:camille.orallo@saipan.travel). All resumes and applications must be submitted to the Human Resources Department at the Century Tours, Inc. Front Office no later than November 13, 2013. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

*We are an Equal Employment Employer.  
Women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.*

### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Century Tours Inc.** is inviting qualified candidates to fill the following positions:

#### Food & Beverage Director (01)

**Job Duties:** Lead in enhancing the guests’ CNMI experience and overall customer satisfaction through conscious collaboration with the Tourism Groups’ stakeholders and partners (including but not limited to hotels and restaurants) in developing and integrating excellent/themed food and beverage products and services. Work on improving the Tourism Group as well as its partners’ revenue and profitability. Research competitive markets and trends to assist in formulating creative tactics and approaches that are align with the group’s strategies and produce sound business results not only for the Tourism group but also to each business partners. Develop logistical and operational plans together with the company partners to ensure effective incorporation of the F&B programs into daily operations on time and within budget while ensuring the guests are continuously provided with the highest level of F&B service/experience. Performs other related duties as assigned from time to time.

**Requirements:** Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university in business management, tourism and/or hotel management. More than ten years solid and progressively responsible experience in travel and tourism business with no less than three years experience as F&B director or above position. Experience of owning a restaurant business or serve as a key role in involving restaurant operation from pre-opening to the end will be preferred. Have excellent multi-tasking, organizational, interpersonal and leadership skills, as well as a thorough knowledge of the industry and other potentially related value added services needed to maximize the profitability of the Company. English and Chinese speaker preferred.

*We are an Equal Employment Employer.  
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# Notice to Residents Garapan and Chalan Laulau

This notice is to inform all residents in the area from Garapan School south to Kristo Rai Church and between Beach Road and Chalan Pale Arnold that the CNMI Water Task Force Leak Detection and Repair Project is underway in this area. Crews will be working for the next 2-3 week in this area isolating lines to detect leaks, replacing valves and repairing leaks. This may mean you will experience temporary water outages, cloudy water in the lines, and changes in pressure. This inconvenience is necessary to identify and repair leaks which will lead to improved water service and lower water costs.

The next area to be affected will be the area from Kristo Rai to Quartermaster Road between Beach Road and Chalan Pale Arnold. Work is expected to begin in this area after November 20 and continue for 3-4 weeks.

**CNMI WATER TASK FORCE**



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### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Announcement No. 13-039

Position Title: Academic Librarian  
Pay Level & Step: 32/01-32/02  
Annual Salary: \$45,632.48 - \$47,229.62  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 11/7/2013  
Closing Date: 11/22/2013

#### Announcement No. 13-040

Position Title: Instructor, Hospitality/Tourism  
Pay Level & Step: 29/01 – 29/02  
32/01 – 32/02  
Annual Salary: \$36,918.09 - \$38,210.22  
\$41,527.83 - \$42,981.30  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 11/7/2013  
Closing Date: 11/22/2013

#### Announcement No. 13-041

Position Title: Instructor, Education (SPED)  
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 32/02  
Annual Salary: \$41,527.83 - \$42,981.30  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 11/7/2013  
Closing Date: 11/22/2013

#### Announcement No. 13-042

Position Title: Instructor, Education  
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 32/02  
Annual Salary: \$41,527.83 - \$42,981.30  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 11/7/2013  
Closing Date: 11/22/2013

#### Announcement No. 13-043

Position Title: Outreach Counselor  
Pay Level & Step: 29/01 – 29-02  
Annual Salary: \$40,567.11 - \$41,986.96  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 11/7/2013  
Closing Date: 11/22/2013

#### Announcement No. 13-044

Position Title: Program Coordinator I (Testing Center)  
Pay Level & Step: 24/01 – 24/02  
Annual Salary: \$29,461.73 - \$30,492.89  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 11/7/2013  
Closing Date: 11/22/2013

#### Re-Announcement No. 13-028

POSITION TITLE: Instructor, Nursing  
Minimum Pay Level & Step: Clinical Instructor: 30/01 – 30/02  
Academic Instructor: 32/01 – 32/02  
Minimum Annual Salary: Clinical Instructor: \$38,394.81 – 39,738.63  
Academic Instructor: \$41,527.83 - \$42,981.30  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 11/7/2013  
Closing Date: 11/22/2013

#### Re-Announcement No. 13-017

POSITION TITLE: Accountant I (Accounts Receivable)  
Pay Level & Step: 26/01-26/02  
Annual Salary: \$32,419.71 - \$33,554.40  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 10/31/2013  
Closing Date: 11/15/2013

#### Re-Announcement No. 13-031

POSITION TITLE: Admissions Specialist I  
Pay Level & Step: 20/01 – 20/02  
Annual Salary: \$24,330.79 - \$25,182.37  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 10/31/2013  
Closing Date: 11/15/2013

#### Re-Announcement No. 13-034

POSITION TITLE: Personnel Specialist I  
Pay Level & Step: 24/01 – 24/02  
Annual Salary: \$29,461.73 - \$30,492.89  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 10/31/2013  
Closing Date: 11/15/2013

#### Re-Announcement No. 13-038

POSITION TITLE: Financial Aid Specialist II  
Pay Level & Step: 25/01 – 25/02  
Annual Salary: \$30,905.35 - \$31,987.04  
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan  
Opening Date: 10/31/2013  
Closing Date: 11/15/2013

*Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm on the closing date. If there are no qualified applicants or the set of qualified applicants is deemed an insufficient pool, the closing date will be extended for two-week periods for further submission and review of applications until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day. All salaries are subject to availability of funds.*



# NMC Honor Society inducts 14 new members



The Beta Lambda Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently inducted 14 new members. Top row from left: John O. Camacho, Mark Anthony B. Liban, James Edward S. Dela Cruz, Mark Anthony B. Liban, Salvi Diomar C. Villanueva, Chakhrit J. Kapileo, David K. Paek, and Justine Conrad A. Mallari. Bottom row from left: Mayleen Rose T. Aldan, Ronnie Cherise C. Camacho, Nicole I. Sablan, Amanda Maria W. Santos, Min Jung Song, Koniko Desirae M. Nakazato, Jian Bernice H. Joyner, Jiwon (Rebekah) Lee, and Kyanna Martina Tenorio.

Northern Marianas College Beta Lambda Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society recently celebrated the induction of 14 new members into the chapter. Family, friends, NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart, Ful-

bright Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Grace Turner, PTK members, and advisers joined in the festivities at the Pacific Islands Club Charley's Cabaret to honor the new inductees.

In order to qualify for mem-

bership in Phi Theta Kappa, students must distinguish themselves by maintaining a 3.5 cumulative grade point average, in addition to serving and contributing to the community through various community service and

leadership activities.

The 14 newest full members include students from the business, hospitality management, education, natural resources management, nursing, and liberal arts majors, namely: Mayleen

Rose T. Aldan, Ronnie Cherise C. Camacho, John O. Camacho, James Edward S. Dela Cruz, Jian Bernice H. Joyner, Mark Anthony B. Liban, Koniko Desirae M. Nakazato, David K. Paek, Nicole I. Sablan, Amanda

Maria W. Santos, Min Jung Song, Kyanna Martina Tenorio, Salvi Diomar C. Villanueva, and Jiwon (Rebekah) Lee. Also welcomed into the chapter were two new provisional members, Chakhrit J. Kapileo and Justine Conrad A. Mallari.

The induction ceremony was carried out by the current PTK officers: president Lani Russell, recording secretary Maria Luise Del Carmen, membership secretary Su Jin Jeon, public relations secretary Kathleen Ann Laurio, treasurer Jatanna Sherise Cabrera, and advisers Leo Pangelinan, Jacqueline Che, and Jack Kiyoshi.

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Turner was the keynote speaker for the event, delivering a motivating keynote address based on the first PTK hallmark: scholarship. Turner's message of intellectual scholarship inspired the members to continue exemplifying scholarship and a commitment to learning as they continue their path in education and employment.

One new officer for the 2014 academic year, the vice president, was also officially installed: Jian Bernice H. Joyner. The formal induction ceremony was followed by a buffet dinner.

An international organization, Phi Theta Kappa has recognized academic excellence, leadership, and service in two-year colleges since 1918. It is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.5 million members and 1,200 chapters located in the United States, U.S. territories, Canada, and Germany.

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For additional information about the NMC chapter, its memberships, or activities, contact chapter president Lani Russell, or adviser Leo Pangelinan. (NMC)

## HEARTFELT MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

For joining us at the Memorial Mass for our father,

†**JACINTO BABAUTA  
MENDIOLA**

For the comforting words of condolences...

For the beautiful flowers that made our day brighter...

For the generous support and assistance....

For your kindness.....

For your thoughts and prayers that brought  
our father closer to his Creator...

*Thank you!*

Your kindness is deeply appreciated and  
will be remembered always.

**Margaret, Angie, Diego, Norbert, Lily,  
Donald, Edward, Lillian and family**







In Celebration of Her New Life

† *Carmen Teregeyo  
Kotomor Olopai*  
“Amme/Mammie”

Born on April 22nd, 1939 and was called  
by her Creator on November 4th, 2013

*She is now reunited with her:*

**Husband:** †Abel Rabauliman Olopai  
**Father:** †Antonio Camacho Cabrera  
**Mother:** †Maria Teregeyo Kotomor  
**Parents-in-law:** †Juan M. & †Rosa R. Olopai  
**Children:** †Titus, †Jude, †Eileen and †Baby Helen

**And her loving memories will forever be cherished  
in the hearts of her children & grandchildren:**

†Titus K. Olopai (Cyrus Diego)  
†Jude K. Olopai (Carnesia & Fernando, Leina, Alana, Judith, Jude Jr. & Tatiana)  
Shirley O. Calvo & Daniel K. Santos (Richly & Ka'imi)  
Delfina O. & Michael Outland (Carmen & Daniel, Chistopher)  
Irene O. & Joseph F. Borja (Xavier, Joshua)  
†Eileen O. & †Anthony Pellegrino (Miki, Abel, Julian, Prunella Leimope)  
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Jean O. & Mark O. Rabauliman (Sophia)

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Connie O. & †Alonzo Igisomar & Family  
†Benusto R. & Vicenta Olopai & Family  
Margarita O. & †Vicente Taitano & Family  
Edwin R. & Maria Olopai & Family

*Carmen is additionally survived by her great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts and uncles  
and also by the families of Camacho, Cabrera, Teregeyo, Kotomor, Ogumoro, and Rogolifoi.*

Daily Mass of Intentions are being offered at Kristo Rai & San Jose Parish at 6:00am and nightly  
rosary is being said at 7:30pm at Kristo Rai Parish, Garapan.

On Monday, November 11th, 2013., our beloved †Carmen will be escorted from **Nuestra Senora dela Paz  
Memorial Chapel to Kristo Rai Parish** at 7:00am. Responso, rosary and viewing will follow. Mass of Christian burial  
will be celebrated at 10:00am, followed by interment services at the Santuario Memorial Gardens in Kagman.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Olomwaay, Si Yu'us Maase and Thank You,

**The Children**





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Mel Borja, second right, and Lily Anthonette Mananita, right, of Pretty Little Asian Grillers topped the "Another Cheesy Fundraiser" grilled cheese sandwich cook-off held Sunday at The Shack Saipan. They are seen here posing with, from left, chef Shawn Sweeney, pastor Annie Gillespie, and organizer Shelly Scott.



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Kaitlyn Neises-Mocanu, second right, and Myla Capilitan, right, of Two Blind Mice won the Crowd Favorite category. At left is Pacific Trading Co.'s Najia Shareef, while second left is organizer Shelly Scott.

## Cheese sandwich cook-off raises \$1.4K for Salvation Army

Pretty Little Asian Grillers topped the "Another Cheesy Fundraiser" grilled cheese sandwich cook-off held Sunday at The Shack Saipan with their cream cheese, jalapeno pepper, shredded Colby-Jack cheese, and cooked bacon slices creation.

Mel Borja and Lily Anthonette Mananita make up the Pretty Little Asian Grillers. Winning the Big Cheese Vote category allowed them to go home with Sa-

fari hats and Budweiser T-shirts courtesy of MARPAC, an apron from Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts School, gift certificates for McDonald's cheese burgers, one month free coffee from The Shack Saipan, the Cheesy Trophy, and cell phones donated by IT&E and two prepaid cards.

Second and third places for the Big Cheese Vote category went to Rhea Backe and Nicole Schafer, respectively.

In the Crowd Favorite cat-

egory, Kaitlyn Neises-Mocanu and Myla Capilitan of Two Blind Mice won first place with their Munster, Gruyere, aged cheddar, avocados, and pickle sammich.

Neises-Mocanu and Capilitan took home the same prizes as Borja and Mananita minus the cellphones and prepaid cards.

Schafer's Georgia Devil was second, while Margaret Rose came third for her Brie, apple, and fig jam sammich.

Second and third placers won

some of the items given to the first-placers.

Best Cheesy Outfit winners, meanwhile, were Bob Coldeen and Schafer and both got two quarters for their efforts, which they promptly donated back to the fundraiser's beneficiary, the Salvation Army.

Salvation Army pastors Wayne and Annie Gillespie served as judges, along with professional chef Shawn Sweeney and event organizer Shelly Scott

for The Big Cheese category.

In all, the "Another Cheesy Fundraiser" raised \$1,435 for the Salvation Army's soup kitchen.

The Gillespies said the money will go a long way toward feeding the island's hungry.

"We are very happy that Shelly [Scott], Glen [Hunter], and Brad [Ruszala] did this fundraiser for us and we would also like to thank the contestants and everyone who took part. We are always in desperate need of

cash donations and these funds will go to work immediately," said Wayne.

Wayne reminded everyone that the Salvation Army's new soup kitchen schedule is Fridays and Saturdays, 11am-1pm, and Sundays, 1:30pm-2:30pm.

Shenanigans, Cafe at the Park, and 360 Restaurant also each donated a large pot of tomato soup for the hungry crowd. Ruszala was the event emcee. *(Mark Rabago)*

IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE

We, the family of the late

### †Cesario Taitano Concepcion

wish to express a sincere and heartfelt "Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank You" to all our families, relatives, and friends. Your thoughtfulness and unselfish support in expressing your sympathy and condolences have greatly helped us to endure the grief and sorrow of our loss. Your presence with us at the daily masses, rosaries, and most especially the Mass of Christian Burial has given us strength to carry on each day. It is very much appreciated.

As you have remembered our beloved Father in your prayers, please be assured that we will also remember you and your loved ones in ours.

May God Bless Us All!

**Children and Families of the late †Cesario Taitano  
& †Carmen Attao Concepcion**

IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE

We, the family of the late

### †FRANCISCO MANIBUSAN DIAZ

Lovingly known as  
"TICO BEDU"

Wish to extend our deepest and our most heartfelt appreciation to our relatives and friends near and far, who surrounded us with love, prayers, kindness and support.

Your thoughtful gestures and kind words have consoled our hearts beyond our expectations in such difficult times.

With heartfelt appreciation, thank you to all who in one way or another have helped and supported us.

We will always remember you in our hearts and prayers.

"MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL"

Thank You, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, and Olomwaay

### Mrs. Remedio "Bedu" D. Diaz and Children



## What food allergy sufferers don't know can kill them

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 25-year-old woman with a food allergy. Last year I was a guest at a Thanksgiving dinner where the host insisted I could eat the food "since there was just a little in there."

I understand that making separate food is difficult, but all I ask is that people let me know if a dish contains an ingredient that will make me sick. At best, an allergic reaction is uncomfortable. At worst, it can be life-threatening.

Would you please print a message about allergy awareness before the holidays? If you do, perhaps someone will be spared what I went through.

NOT PICKY, REALLY ALLERGIC IN ILLINOIS



*Dear Abby*

**DEAR REALLY ALLERGIC:** I'm glad to raise awareness because every year there is at least one story in the media about some poor individual winding up in an emergency room or dying because of an allergic reaction. Exposure to even a TRACE of a substance that an individual is allergic to is dangerous because "just a little" CAN hurt you.

The symptoms of a potentially fatal allergic reaction—which have appeared in this column before—are a tingling sensation, itching or metallic taste in the mouth followed by hives, a sensation of warmth, asthma symptoms, swelling of the mouth and throat area, difficulty breathing, vomiting, diarrhea, cramping, a drop in blood pressure and loss of consciousness. The symptoms can occur in as few as five to 15 minutes after exposure, but life-threatening reactions may progress over several hours. Someone experiencing these symptoms should be treated at the nearest emergency room or hospital.

This information was provided by Food Allergy Research and Education, an organization whose mission is to raise public awareness about food allergies, provide education and advance research. Its website is loaded with valuable information on this important subject. Check it out at [www.foodallergy.org](http://www.foodallergy.org).

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**DEAR ABBY:** Last week I attended two events for my grandchildren. One was a school concert, the other a dance recital. Both times, during the performance I saw electronic devices turned on throughout the audience. It seemed that parents were encouraging children to play video games, watch movies or surf the Internet instead of paying attention to the show. It drove me crazy.

What are these parents teaching their children? Not only are they missing out on the experience, but they are also being taught terrible manners. I held my tongue, but it was a struggle because I wanted to slap the parents in the back of the head. (I'm old school.) Am I wrong?

HOLDING MY TONGUE

**DEAR HOLDING:** No, you're 100 percent right. Before many performances, the director or principal will request that electronic devices be turned off. That's what should have been done at the concert and recital you attended. Parents who allow or encourage their children to behave this way aren't doing their job, which is to teach them to be respectful of the performers and the effort that was put into the show.

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Tinian Marianas Lions Club officers turn over a receptacle for used but usable eyeglasses under Recycle for Sight program to JC Café manager Lot Bunao.



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Tinian Marianas Lions Club officers turn over a receptacle for used but usable eyeglasses under Recycle for Sight program to Tinian Health Center director William Cing.

## TMLC joins Recycle for Sight program

In celebration of World Sight Day last month, the Tinian Marianas Lions Club joined Region 2 Saipan Lions in setting up receptacles in different locations on the island to collect used eyeglasses under the Recycle for Sight program.

TMLC put their first collection box at the Tinian Health Center and was received by THC director William Cing. The second one is stationed at JC Café and was received by the restaurant's management and staff.

TLMC president Lizabeth Hofschneider thanked Cing and JC Café manager Lot Bunao for allowing the club to place these boxes at these two strategic sites.

Bunao said she is happy to have her restaurant become a drop-off station for the used eyeglasses. She herself donated some eyeglasses during the turnover of the receptacle.

Hofschneider said the collected usable eyeglasses will be turned over to Region 2 Saipan Lions chair Ruth Torrecampo.

Region 2 Saipan Lions will then send them to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in the U.S. mainland.

However, before they are sent to the mainland, the collected eyeglasses will be sorted according to prescription, cleaned, and repackaged. Recycled eyeglasses will be distributed to developing countries where they will have a great impact.

TLMC secretary Rodney Cabarles is encouraging everyone in the Tinian community to support their organization's cause.

"If you have eyeglasses that are gathering dust in your drawer and you don't use anymore, this is your opportunity to donate them," he said.

Paul Madriaga, TMLC Guiding Lion, said this program coincides with America Recycles Day on Nov. 15.

"So instead of throwing your eyeglasses, please donate them and change someone's life, let someone reuse them and help individuals to see, read, work, and be independent," he said.

Lion Club members are willing to pick up used but usable eyeglasses on Tinian and those willing to donate them are urged to call Hofschneider at 287-9697, Cabarles at 285-3637, or Madriaga at 287-4501.

Region 2 Saipan Lions, led by Torrecampo, earlier placed receptacles in LBC Susupe, Hardt Eye Clinic, Mt. Carmel Cathedral, San Vicente Church, Santa Remedios Church, and Herman's Bakery on Saipan.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world.

Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit the website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). (Mark Rabago)

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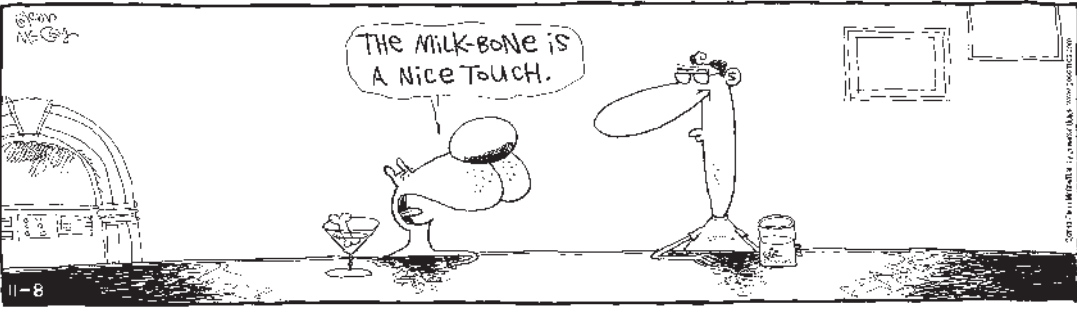
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By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

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18 Moe, Larry or

19 Actress

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22 Felt sorry for

26 Verboten

29 Matter-horn, e.g.

30 Aye

31 Dogfight participants

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33 Farm measure

34 Answer to the Riddle of the Sphinx

35 Every-thing

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20 Red-carpet

23 Bygone

24 Count

25 Coloring agents

26 Pack

27 "Super-food"

28 Crooked

29 Piercing

32 Puget Sound

33 Heart

35 "Eureka!"

36 Nabob

38 Actor

39 Barbecue site

42 Staffer

43 Cornfield intruder

44 Dandling locale

45 Poke

46 Exist

47 Noise

49 Under the weather

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

**Yesterday's answer 11-08**

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EXEMPTION OAK  
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ROUT RAE KNOB  
POWER HI  
BUTTE BOTTLE  
ANI EXCEPTION  
ADO DIAL ERGO  
SON SILL NOEL

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Jack Osbourne, 28; Parker Posey, 45; Courtney Thorne-Smith, 46; Bonnie Raitt, 64.

**Happy Birthday:** Carefully pick and choose what you want to accomplish. Trying to fit too much into your plans will lead to setbacks and disappointment. Plan your actions and execute what you want to do with precision. This is a year that can lead to riches if you are not impulsive or do not lack patience. Love and romance are favored. Your numbers are 7, 16, 22, 29, 31, 35, 43.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Focus on relationships and get serious about the way you want to be treated and the type of connections you want to make. Equality should be your goal. Show confidence and refuse to let anyone get away with aggressive action. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Your knowledge will come in handy. Rely on past experience when dealing with friends, relatives or your lover and you will get your way. A serious commitment will be made that will improve your home life and your status. ★★★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Do things your way. Show initiative and independence. Using unusual methods will stir up interest that leads to using your talent to the max. A contract can be negotiated in your favor. Don't be afraid to ask for perks. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Follow your heart and the desire you have to do something different. Let your imagination run wild and your creativity unfold. Interac-

tion with older and younger individuals will open your eyes to a host of interesting and exciting options. ★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Take control instead of being controlled. Your efforts and attention to detail will make the difference when it comes to advancement. Don't hold back; add your flair and expertise. Don't let your emotions lead you to a vulnerable position. ★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Schedule playtime. Travel plans or getting together with friends or family will bring you closer together. You will have a chance to make plans that will improve your life. Bypass anyone showing inconsistency or a tendency to overspend. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Put your heart and soul into how you earn your living. Take work home with you if it will help you secure your position or get ahead. Expand your knowledge and take the time to form a close relationship with your peers. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Set your standards high. Learning as you go will be easier than you think and make you look like a genius. A change at home will brighten your outlook and give you more room and comfort to develop your creative interests. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Offer help but don't meddle. Listening and comforting is all you can do if you don't want to end up being blamed. You are best to stick close to home and make small improvements that add to your pleasure. ★★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Your serious, goal-oriented approach to work and life in general will bring high returns. A partnership will offer you the chance to achieve a dream. Invest in your talent, ability and know-how and you will not be disappointed. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Say little. You are best to work under the radar if you want to finish what you start without interference. Be ready, willing and able to make an unexpected change to avoid being put in an awkward or vulnerable position. ★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You'll read into whatever situation you face with precision. Negotiate for what you want in a personal or professional contract. You are sitting in a good position and can manipulate any situation that unfolds to your advantage. Romance is in the stars. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are intense, determined and always prepared. You are responsible and ambitious.

Eugenia's website—[eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com), Eugenia's android app @ <http://bit.ly/exhoro> and join Eugenia on [twitter](http://twitter.com/eugenialast)/[facebook](http://facebook.com/eugenialast)/[linkedin](http://linkedin.com/eugenialast).

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

1	5	6	3	9	7	4	2	8
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3	8	9	4	2	5	6	7	1
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4	7	1	2	5	9	3	8	6
6	9	8	1	7	3	5	4	2
8	1	5	7	4	6	2	3	9
2	6	4	9	3	8	7	1	5
9	3	7	5	1	2	8	6	4

**WONDERWORD** By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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# Sources: Martin considered quitting football

DAVIE, Fla. (AP)—Before Miami Dolphins tackle Jonathan Martin left the team saying he was bullied, he told multiple people that he was considering quitting football, two people familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

One of the people said Martin considered giving up the sport because he was mistreated by other offensive linemen. That person said Martin, who sought counseling for emotional issues, now plans to continue playing. Both people spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the organization has said little about Martin's departure.

After practice Wednesday, several players questioned why Martin left and supported guard Richie Incognito, who was suspended by the team and was accused of being Martin's main tormentor.

"I don't know why he's doing this," offensive tackle Tyson Clabo said. "And the only person who knows why, his name is Jonathan Martin."

Last week, Martin's agent said the second-year player from Stanford was harassed almost daily by teammates in his rookie year and the hazing continued into this season. That prompted an NFL investigation, and the Dolphins suspended Incognito, who sources said sent Martin threatening and racist messages during the offseason.

Commissioner Roger Goodell appointed a New York lawyer with experience in sports cases to investigate the case.

The controversy attracted more than 100 reporters and cameramen to the Dolphins' complex Wednesday, and when



Miami Dolphins quarterback Ryan Tannehill, center, prepares to pass during NFL football practice, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013, in Davie, Fla.

the throng entered the locker room after practice, a player pushed the button on a boom box sitting at Incognito's stall.

Circus music began to play.

Then the Dolphins, clearly weary of the circus atmosphere, opened up. They passionately defended Incognito and insisted they didn't see the blowup coming. Most said Martin and Incognito were friends.

"The whole thing, it's kind of mind-blowing to me," Miami Dolphins quarterback Ryan Tannehill said. "It's kind of mind-blowing to most of the guys on our team right now."

The 24-year-old Martin was briefly hospitalized after he left

the team and is now with his family in California.

Tannehill said he was shocked when Martin departed.

"It's tough for me, because you can't help a situation that you didn't know existed—that no one on this team knew existed," Tannehill said. "We have a bunch of good guys in this locker room. To be put in a situation where everyone's attacking the locker room saying it's such a bad place, such a bad culture, no leadership to stand up and stop the situation—no one knew there was a situation to be stopped."

Several players said Martin

and Incognito were close.

"If you had asked Jon Martin a week before who his best friend on the team was, he would have said Richie Incognito," Tannehill said. "The first guy to stand up for Jonathan when anything went down on the field, any kind of tussle, Richie was the first guy there. When they wanted to hang out outside of football, who was together? Richie and Jonathan."

Guard John Jerry said he never heard Incognito use the racist term included in one voicemail and wouldn't have objected anyway.

"I would have just laughed

it off," Jerry said. "I know the type of person he is, and I know he doesn't mean it that way. Everybody's got friends that when you're out, they say those type of things. It's never made a big deal."

The 30-year-old Incognito was kicked off his team at Nebraska, and has long had a reputation as one of the NFL's dirtiest players. But he has been universally praised by his teammates this week.

"Does he like to give guys a hard time? Yes. Does he like to pester guys and have fun? Yes," Tannehill said. "But he brought a lot of laughter to this locker room, he brought a lot of co-

hesiveness to this locker room and he was the best teammate that I could ask for."

For Martin, the final straw was a lunchroom prank at the team complex, and he then left the squad. Tannehill and Jerry said the same prank has been pulled on many other players.

Hijinks are especially common among the offensive linemen, Clabo said.

"We have a system of basically it's just a big joke, basically," he said. It helps camaraderie. It keeps things light in the room. Everyone participates. No one is exempt and so I don't see how ... we would all be guilty of bullying."

## Phillips named Texans interim coach

HOUSTON (AP)—Texans defensive coordinator Wade Phillips will take over as Houston's interim head coach and try to help the team end a six-game skid with Gary Kubiak out indefinitely after suffering a mini-stroke this weekend.

"I'm just keeping the seat warm," Phillips said.

It's a familiar position for Phillips, a 30-plus-year NFL coaching veteran, who was last a head coach in Dallas and has twice served as an interim head coach in the league. The first time came in 1985 when his father Bum Phillips stepped down with the Saints, the second was in 2003 when Dan Reeves resigned as Atlanta's coach with three games left.

"Thirty-three years I've been either a coordinator on one side of the ball or a head coach," Phillips said. "I think experience helps. I hope it does in this case. I'm pretty

familiar with what (to do)."

Phillips has had a tough month with the recent death of his father and being thrust into this role with Kubiak ailing. He's talked to the team about dealing with adversity and thinks the players will respond well Sunday.

"A lot's been going on in my life and, I told the players, too, we've lost some games, but there are tougher things than losing some ballgames that people have overcome," Phillips said. "And so we can overcome losing ballgames if people can overcome some of the things that have happened."

Offensive coordinator Rick Dennison will take over the play-calling duties, with input from Phillips, when the Texans travel to Arizona on Sunday. Dennison doesn't believe much will change offensively with Kubiak out.

"I've been with him for a long time and we have the same philosophy on how to

win football games," Dennison said. "I would say just being around him in this position for the last four years we would be very similar. I don't know that we're exact, but we're very similar."

The team said Monday the 52-year-old Kubiak suffered a transient ischemic attack at halftime of Sunday's loss to Indianapolis. He was released from the hospital on Tuesday and is expected to make a full recovery, but there is no timetable for his return to the team.

Phillips said he has spoken to Kubiak, but they didn't really talk football.

"He's left it to me and he said: 'Do what you think,'" Phillips said.

Dennison said Kubiak told him he'd like to come by the stadium in the next few days, but he wasn't sure if that would actually happen.

"I called him back and (Kubiak's wife) Rhonda answered the phone and I was in a bit of

trouble," Dennison said. "So I'm going to try to stay away."

Phillips mixed up some things at practice Wednesday in an attempt to help the team get back on track. Cornerback Johnathan Joseph said Wednesday's practice was "energetic" and that it ran smoothly without Kubiak.

"We are changing a few things in practice that we think will help," Phillips said. "We feel like we need to change something. It's not going the way we want it to go, so we have to change some things."

Case Keenum will make his third start Sunday after solid performances in the first two. Phillips said Keenum has earned the right to start and has been impressed with his ability to make big plays. He's completed 11 passes of 25 yards or more in his two starts combined as the Texans have dropped those games by four total points.

## Saban: Remains 'very committed to Alabama'

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP)—Nick Saban says he remains "very committed to the University of Alabama" and disputed an account of his agent's conversation with Texas early this year.

The Crimson Tide coach was asked Wednesday about an Associated Press report regarding his agent's conversation in January about possibly replacing Mack Brown at Texas.

Saban's agent, Jimmy Sexton, indicated that the coach would consider leaving Tuscaloosa for the Texas job during a January phone call, according to an email sent by former Texas Regent Tom Hicks.

"Sexton confirmed that UT is the only job Nick would possibly consider leaving Alabama for, and that his success there created special pressure for him," Hicks wrote of a call

involving Sexton, himself and current Regent Wallace Hall.

Asked about the account, Saban said: "No one's said anything like that."

"First of all, I don't know where y'all get these reports and I don't know where y'all get the information," said Saban, who smiled when a reporter asked about the AP report. "But I've already commented on all this stuff. There's nothing new or different

that's ever happened. I'm very committed to the University of Alabama, love being here. We've talked about it before. Don't need to talk about it again.

"We've got a big game with LSU this week. That's where our focus is and that's what we're focusing on. There's really nothing new to comment about."





# Perfect Pacers pull away late from Bulls, 97-80



**INDIANAPOLIS** (AP)—Luis Scola, Donald Sloan and Lance Stephenson accounted for all the points in a decisive 12-2 run, thwarting a late charge by the Chicago Bulls and helping the Indiana Pacers, the NBA's last unbeaten team, to an 97-80 victory Wednesday night.

The Pacers have won their opening five games for the first time since 1971-72. Paul George had 21 points and six rebounds to lead Indiana, while David West had a season-high 17 points and 13 rebounds.

Luol Deng and Derrick Rose scored 17 points each to lead Chicago (1-3). Rose scored only three points in the second half.

## Thunder 107, Mavericks 93

In Oklahoma City, Kevin Durant had 23 points and 10 assists and Russell Westbrook scored 22 points as Oklahoma City pulled away in the second half to beat Dallas.

Serge Ibaka added 17 points and 13 rebounds for the Thunder (3-1), who won their second straight game following Westbrook's return from two off-season knee surgeries.

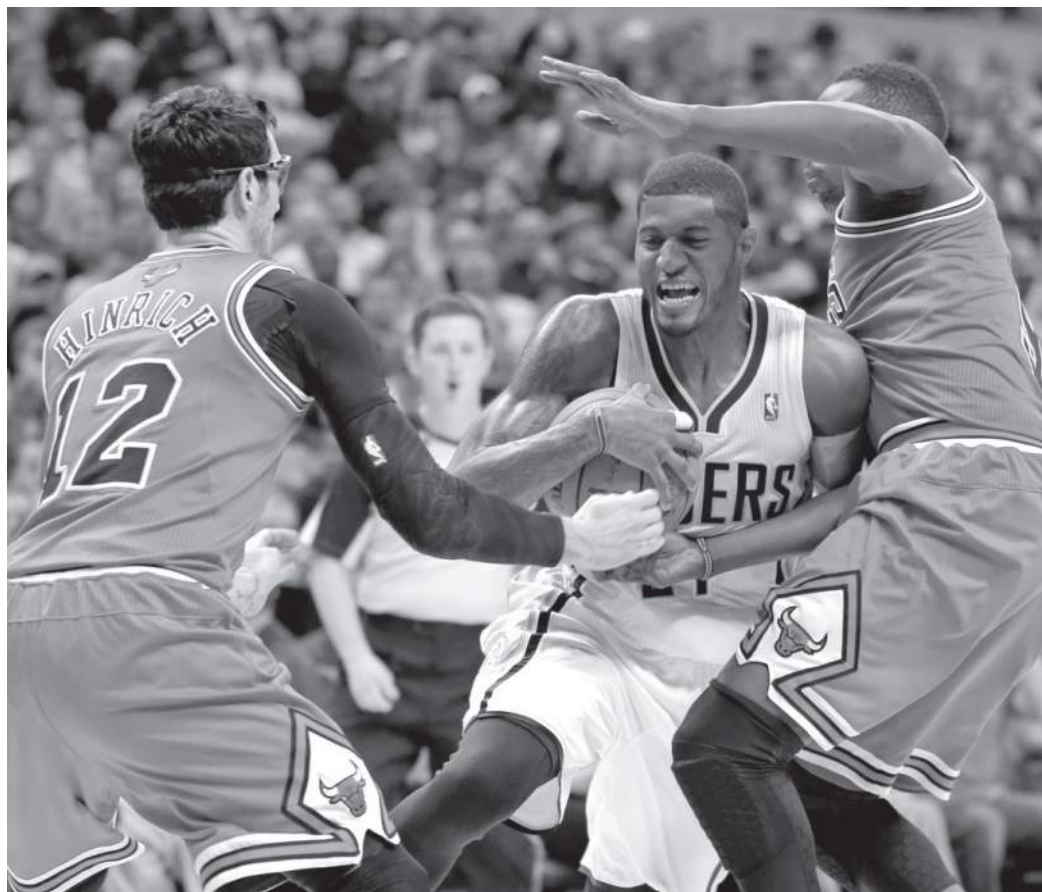
Jeremy Lamb added 13 points for Oklahoma City, which has won 11 straight games against the Mavericks, including the playoffs. The last loss for the Thunder against Dallas was on Jan. 2, 2012.

Monta Ellis led the Mavericks (3-2), who were playing their second game in two nights, with 20 points. Jae Crowder and Shawn Marion added 17 each, while Dirk Nowitzki finished with 16.

## Spurs 99, Suns 96

In San Antonio, Tony Parker scored 15 of the Spurs' final 16 points, helping San Antonio withstand a hectic finish to beat Phoenix.

Parker scored 20 overall, Danny Green had 19 points,



Indiana Pacers forward Paul George, center, gets tied up by Chicago Bulls guard Kirk Hinrich, left, and forward Luol Deng in the second half of an NBA basketball game in Indianapolis, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013.

Tim Duncan added 17 points and Boris Diaw 11 points for San Antonio (4-1).

Markieff Morris tied a career high with 23 points and also had 11 rebounds for Phoenix (3-2). Morris' twin brother, Marcus, added 11 points and Gerald Green and Miles Plumlee each had 15.

Plumlee's reverse layup gave Phoenix a 96-95 lead with 1 minute remaining. The Suns had an opportunity to extend the lead following a miss by Duncan, but Manu Ginobili drew a charge on Danny Green.

Parker followed with a short jumper to give San Antonio the lead for good.

Gerald Green missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer that would have tied the game.

## Celtics 97, Jazz 87

In Boston, Brandon Bass scored 20 points and Jeff Green added 18 as the Celtics beat Utah for their first win of the season.

The game reunited new Celtics coach Brad Stevens with Gordon Hayward, the Butler star who took the Bulldogs to the NCAA championship game against Duke. Hayward had 28 points and nine rebounds for Utah (0-5), one of the last two winless teams in the NBA this season.

The attendance of 17,130 was about 1,500 fans short of a sellout, ending a streak of 289 games dating to the end of the 2006-07 season.

Derrick Favors scored 10 points with 14 rebounds and Enes Kanter scored 22 with eight boards for the Jazz, who open a season with five straight losses for the first time since 1974, when they were still in New Orleans.

Gerald Wallace had nine points and nine rebounds for Boston (1-4), which led by as many as 25 points in the third quarter before Utah scored 17 of the first 20 in the fourth to cut a

22-point deficit to single digits.

## Warriors 106, Timberwolves 93

In Minneapolis, Klay Thompson scored 19 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter and Harrison Barnes scored 14 points in his season debut to help Golden State defeat Minnesota.

David Lee had 22 points and 15 rebounds and Andre Iguodala scored 20 points for the Warriors (4-1).

Kevin Love had 25 points, 16 rebounds and six assists for the Timberwolves, who have lost two straight after a 3-0 start. Kevin Martin added 23 points, but the Wolves' bench was outscored 27-10.

Stephen Curry had just five points on 2-for-8 shooting with seven assists in 24 minutes and sat out the fourth quarter with a bone bruise on his left foot.

## Magic 98, Clippers 90

In Orlando, Florida, Nik Vucevic

had 30 points—including six free throws in the final 23 seconds—and 21 rebounds to help Orlando hold on to beat Los Angeles.

Orlando led by as many as 19 points in the third quarter, before Los Angeles took its first lead with a 25-5 run.

Blake Griffin led the Clippers with 23 points and 13 rebounds, and Chris Paul added 18 points and 10 assists. Former Magic guard J.J. Redick also chipped in 17 points.

The loss ends a three-game win streak for the Clippers, whose three-game road trip continues Thursday at Miami.

## Bobcats 92, Raptors 90

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Gerald Henderson broke out of his shooting slump with a season-high 23 points to help Charlotte defeat Toronto.

After signing an \$18 million, three-year contract in the offseason, Henderson came in shooting just 31 percent through the first four games. But he got off to a fast start this time and finished 10 of 17 from the field.

Michael Kidd-Gilchrist scored 14 points to help Charlotte win again after beating the Knicks in New York on Tuesday night. Second-year guard Jeffery Taylor continued to give the Bobcats (3-2) quality minutes off the bench, scoring 13 points. Josh McRoberts added 13 points and five assists.

Rudy Gay led the Raptors with 20 points. Jonas Valanciunas had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

## Bucks 109, Cavaliers 104

In Milwaukee, O.J. Mayo scored 28 points, including six 3-pointers, and Gary Neal had 12 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter as short-handed Milwaukee held off Cleveland.

The Bucks, already without their top two point guards—Brandon Knight and Luke Ridnour—also played without for-

ward Ersan Ilyasova and center Larry Sanders. Ilyasova was out with a sore right ankle while Sanders was out with a sprained right thumb, injured in a week-end off-court incident that is being investigated, the Bucks said in a statement.

The Bucks opened the fourth quarter with an 11-2 run to take a 94-81 lead, but Kyrie Irving scored 10 consecutive points to fuel a 13-point run that put the Cavaliers up 104-103.

Caron Butler tipped in a miss by Mayo with 24.8 seconds left to put the Bucks up 105-104 and Mayo added four free throws in the closing seconds.

Irving led Cleveland with 29 points and Dion Waiters added 21.

## Wizards 116, 76ers 102

In Philadelphia, John Wall scored 24 points and Marcin Gortat had 19 points and 12 rebounds as Washington beat Philadelphia to earn its first win after starting 0-3.

Bradley Beal had 17 points, Trevor Ariza scored 15 as seven Wizards reached double digits.

Evan Turner led Philadelphia with 24 points and Spencer Hawes had 13. Rookie Michael Carter-Williams finished with 19 points, seven assists and five rebounds.

## Pelicans 99, Grizzlies 84

In Memphis, Tennessee, Eric Gordon scored 19 points while Anthony Davis added 18 points and nine rebounds as New Orleans beat the Grizzlies.

Tyreke Evans had 16 points, Jrue Holiday scored 11 and Jason Smith finished with 10 points for the Pelicans, who led by as many as 29 points in the fourth quarter.

Mike Conley led the Grizzlies with 26 points before leaving in the fourth quarter with a facial injury. Marc Gasol had 11 points for Memphis, but connected on only 4 of 11 shots and grabbed one rebound.

# Source: Renteria set to become Cubs manager



**CHICAGO** (AP)—The Chicago Cubs are set to hire San Diego Padres bench coach Rick Renteria as their manager, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the hiring has not been announced. The team was expected to make it official on Thursday.

The move ends a long search that began with the last-place Cubs targeting New York Yankees manager Joe Girardi, only to be denied a shot when he decided to stay put.

Instead, the Cubs are hoping Renteria can help develop their

young players and lead them to their first championship since 1908. He replaces Dale Sveum, who was fired after two seasons.

The Cubs went 66-96 this season and finished at the bottom of the NL Central.

A former major league infielder, Renteria spent the past six years on the Padres' staff and had been their bench coach since 2011. Before that, he coached and managed in the San Diego and Florida Marlins organizations.

Renteria also managed Mexico in the World Baseball Classic in March.

The Cubs are counting on him to get the most out of young players such as shortstop Starlin Castro and first baseman Antho-

ny Rizzo, along with prospects such as Javier Baez, Jorge Soler, Albert Almora and Kris Bryant.

The lack of development by young players on the roster was a major sticking point with Sveum. And with more young players on the way, the front office decided it was time for a change.

The Cubs were 127-197 under Sveum and finished in last place for the first time in seven years.

They had targeted Girardi, a Peoria, Ill., native and Northwestern product who played for them. But the former catcher signed a four-year contract worth up to \$20 million to stay with New York through 2017.

That forced the Cubs to look

elsewhere.

Besides Renteria, they interviewed former Mariners and Indians manager Eric Wedge, Rays bench coach Dave Martinez, former Nationals and Indians manager Manny Acta, former Diamond-backs manager A.J. Hinch, and Brad Ausmus, who was hired by the Tigers on Sunday.

They were also interested in talking to Boston bench coach Torey Lovullo. But according to reports, the Red Sox invoked an agreement banning Cubs president Theo Epstein from hiring any of their employees over a three-year period.

Either way, the Cubs are turning to Renteria, the next step as they try to deliver on the prom-

ise that accompanied Epstein's arrival in October 2011.

They've been shedding long-term contracts and trading anyone of value in an effort to stock up the farm system ever since Epstein was hired, hoping the payoff will ultimately be the sort of championship success he enjoyed in Boston. So far, losses have been adding up at a staggering rate, but the record wasn't the main reason for Sveum's dismissal.

Player development was.

Castro and Rizzo, two key young players who have long-term contracts, each took a step back this year. Pitcher Jeff Samardzija also had an up-and-down season.

With Baez, Soler, Almora and

Bryant are on the way, the Cubs made it clear they want to provide the right environment for their young players to develop.

Getting the most out of Castro, Rizzo and to some degree Samardzija will be the most immediate task for the new manager, assuming they're not traded.

Castro continues to be a head scratcher, prone to lapses in the field, and he couldn't make up for it at the plate. The two-time All-Star's average has been in a steady decline, going from a high of .307 in 2011 to a career-low .245 this year.

Rizzo batted just .233 with 23 homers and 80 RBIs in 160 games, not what the Cubs were looking for after a promising season the year before. In 2012, he hit 285 while knocking out 15 homers and driving in 48 runs in 87 games.



# Sea Island: A meeting of young and old

**ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. (AP)**—Davis Love III was in the learning center at Sea Island Golf Club over the weekend when he looked out the door at four players hitting balls, including PGA Tour rookie Kevin Tway. It brought back memories of Love's early days on tour.

And he has every reason to suddenly feel much older than 49.

Love and Bob Tway were contemporaries, both PGA Championship winners. Love could recall a time some two decades ago when their wives would drop the children off at day care during a PGA Tour event. And now one of those kids is part of the field at the McGladrey Classic.

"It's just incredible that

I'm playing in a tournament with Kevin Tway," Love said. "Now I see how Jay Haas felt when his kids were coming along ... and then Billy Haas won on the tour. It's pretty neat to see that progression and to last that one. I was complaining one time, 'I can't believe all these kids I knew are growing up and they're coming out on tour.' And they said, 'At least you're still playing with them.'"

"It's fun to be out there and see it all happen."

The PGA Tour returns to America this week after two weeks in Asia, and Sea Island feels like a felicitous meeting of young and old.

Tway, who earned his card by finishing fifth on

the Web.com Tour money list, was given a sponsor's exemption. He's staying with Love in his house at Sea Island, along with Justin Thomas, who turned pro after playing the Walker Cup in September.

For every Tway and Thomas, there is Fred Funk and Mark Calcavecchia, both regulars on the Champions Tour.

Love is more than just a tournament host at Sea Island, where he has lived since he was a teenager. A year ago, he was tied for the lead going into the final round with Jim Furyk. They were overtaken by Tommy Gainey, who two-putted for par and a 60 to win his first PGA Tour title.



David Toms, who turns 47 in January, can relate with what Love is feeling. He can still remember going duck hunting in Louisiana with 6-year-old Casey Wittenberg.

"I'm playing in Memphis and Harris English is about to win the tournament," Toms said. "The first time I played that tournament, he wasn't even born."

Toms knows who some of these young guys are, at least by name - Luke Guthrie, Hudson Swafford, Morgan Hoffmann, Russell Henley. He doesn't know much about them, except for someone like John Peterson, who went to LSU and now uses Toms' old

caddie.

"You watch a Walker Cup, and they're just names," Toms said. "You don't really know them until you're trying to win a tournament against them."

Thomas was a teammate at Alabama with Love's son, Dru.

"It inspires you to see the young guys, but it also makes you aware that, 'Hey, if I'm going to compete, I've got to follow them to the gym and I've got to keep working hard on my game' because there's a lot of guys that are ready to take your spot."

With the new wraparound season, the McGladrey Classic is the second-to-last tournament of 2013 before a short winter's break until the tour resumes in Hawaii. Three players made the trip from Shanghai (HSBC Champions) to Sea Island - Boo Weekley, Scott Piercy and Brian Gay.

Being the week after the

two-week Asia swing was sure to hurt the field, though the McGladrey Classic still landed Matt Kuchar and Zach Johnson, who both live in the Golden Isles. Sea Island is quickly becoming a haven for PGA Tour players, not with numbers found at Lake Nona or West Palm Beach, but growing.

Jonathan Byrd was among the first to join Love at Sea Island. The list includes Kuchar and Johnson, Lucas Glover. Johnson doesn't need a courtesy car this week. He can ride a bike to the course in under three minutes.

"It's a nice group," Love said. "They tend to call me 'Uncle Davis' when they need something. Other than that, it's a great group and they're a great influence on me. We've got great guys around to play golf with, to challenge, to push you. I think it's just going to continue."

## Pacquiao 'expecting' to beat Rios, no retirement plans

**HONG KONG**—Philippine boxing great Manny Pacquiao said Wednesday he was expecting to defeat American Brandon Rios in Macau later this month, but insisted if he did lose he would not retire.

The 34-year-old, once regarded as the best pound-for-pound fighter of his generation, faces the bout of his life in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory as he bids to break a losing streak and keep his boxing legacy intact.

"It's one of the most important fights of my career because I want to show my fans and the world that I can still compete at a high level with elite boxers," Pacquiao, speaking from his training camp in the Philippines, told reporters during a group phone interview.

A former champion in an unprecedented eight weight divisions, Pacquiao—who turns 35 in December—is seeking to come back from two consecutive defeats which have led supporters to question if he should hang up his gloves.

His seven-year, 15-fight winning streak came to an

end in June 2012 with a controversial split decision loss to Timothy Bradley.

It was followed six months later by a sensational sixth-round knockout defeat to Mexican arch rival Juan Manuel Marquez.

But "Pac-Man", as he is known to his fans, insisted the losses have not affected him psychologically, and said he did not contemplate being defeated by Rios in the former Portuguese colony on November 24.

"I am expecting to win this fight," he said of the World Boxing Organization (WBO) welterweight title bout.

"It's a really important fight for me in my boxing career because I lost the last two," Pacquiao added, pledging an "aggressive" strategy.

The Philippine boxing hero-turned-congressman insisted he felt "no extra pressure following the two losses".

"It doesn't affect me. As far as boxing is concerned

sometimes you win and sometimes you lose."

Pacquiao's sporting achievements have made him a national hero, turning him into one of the highest paid sportsmen in the world, a showbiz celebrity and, in 2010, a member of parliament.

He is now a second-term congressman with ambitions of eventually becoming president, and critics have questioned whether his diminishing prowess in the ring was because he had become distracted by his many other

endeavours.

Following his excruciating defeat to Marquez—whose hammerblow right at the end of the sixth sent the Filipino crashing to the canvas—family, friends and media commentators called on him to retire.

But Pacquiao, whose record stands at 54-5-2 with 38 knockouts, said Wednesday he had the desire to continue, and losing to 27-year-old Rios would not change that.



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one minute, as he got his second in the 60th and completed the hat-trick in the 61st minute.

Duplicating Dhiraj's hat-trick was Evan Belcher, who listed Kanoa FC to a 5-0 thrashing of the Women's National Team in the second game last Sunday. Belcher earned his first goal in the 27th minute, while Yoshi Mafnas also scored in the first half, as his goal in the 43rd gave Kanoa FC a 2-0 half-time lead.

Belcher started Kanoa FC's offense anew in the second half with his goal in the 51st and then achieved a hat-trick with only four minutes left in the match. Junsik Kim logged the other goal for Kanoa FC in the second half when he lit up the

scoreboard in the 68th minute.

The rout against Women's National Team was Kanoa FC's second straight win, as it also downed Matansa FC last Oct. 27, 3-0. In other M-League results late last month, Shirley's FC and the Thundercats had a 1-1 draw, while Tan Holdings FC whipped Paire FC, 4-0.

### MP United FC 2, Inter Godfather's 1

In the opening match last weekend, MP United slipped past Inter Godfather's.

Zhi Peng Lin drilled the go-ahead goal around the 70th minute or a few minutes after Inter Godfather's equalized off a goal from Chris Nelson.

Earlier around the 15th minute of the first half, Jireh Yobech put MP United on the board and the team kept

the shaky lead in the opening frame, as Inter Godfather's missed several opportunities to score.

### Wild Bill's 2, KFAS 2

In the third game last Sunday, Wild Bill's and Korean Football Association on Saipan had a standoff.

Tanapon Unsa canned both goals for Wild Bill's, while Brian Lee and Sang Ho Choi had one apiece for KFAS.

Unsa broke the ice with his goal in the 18th minute to give Wild Bill's a 2-0 lead after eluding his defenders anew three minutes later. KFAS then sliced the deficit to one after Lee scored in the 26th minute. The first half ended in a deadlock after Choi made it to the board six minutes before the opening buzzer sounded.

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to Saipan Ice, which failed to seal the win early went it went 0-for-4 from the foul line. Fortunately for Saipan Ice, Won Joo Jung also faltered on an undergoal stab and was stripped of possession down the baseline by Cayading, who was eventually fouled. Fliptop had fouls to give, but wasted precious seconds before committing them with the last one called in the final 8.6 seconds left on the clock. Saipan Ice then had a miscue after the inbound play with Treat Kaipat's save from the sideline landing on the hands of Donnel Isip, who sprinted toward their court for a layup. Saipan Ice's lead went down to 1, but with only 1.9 seconds left, Fliptop ran out of time for another play, as the former just melted the clock.

Before the Saipan Ice-Fliptop tussle, Adobo and Fong's resumed their rained-out match. Fong's was ahead by only 1, 34-33, when the match restarted at the 9:45 mark of the fourth canto and it went on to survive the defending champion after getting clutch baskets from Jerome Reyes and Edwin Santos. Reyes scored 6 points at the

resumption of the close match, including 3 of Fong's last 5 points. Santos drilled the other 2 points for Fong's.

### C&J Signs 83, Island Manpower 76

In the curtain-raiser, C&J Signs drew double figures from Herbert Maranan and Prince Factor to beat Island Manpower in the Pool B match.

Maranan scored 24 points, while Factor chipped in 14 to hand C&J Signs a 2-1 record and a share of third place with two other teams—Natural Mystic and San Roque. Island Floral leads Pool B with its 3-0 record, while San Antonio is in second place with a 2-0 card. I Love Saipan (1-3) and Maplas (0-3) round out the group.

Maranan fired 16 of his total points in the first quarter to give C&J Signs a good start, 30-12. He exchanged buckets with Ivan Devero, who brought Island Manpower back in the game in the next two quarters. Devero finished the third with 20 points, cutting C&J Sign's lead to 3, 58-61. Devero continued to anchor Island Manpower's offense, but Factor held his own in the final canto, nailing 11

lowing year against Caloy "Bad Boy" Baduria in the "URCC XI: Redemption."

Camacho said he is excited to return to the Philippines after nearly six years of absence.

Meanwhile, Cuki Alvarez, who is Camacho's former cornerman with Trench Tech and will be going to the Philippines, too for his son Shane's bout, said a win in PXC 41 would move the 24-year-old fighter closer to another appearance in UFC. Camacho made the cut in The Ultimate Fighter in September last year, but lost in the Round of 16 to Neil Magny.

markers to secure the 7-point victory for C&J Signs.

### First Game

**C&J Signs 83** – Maranan 27, Factor 14, Tinio 13, Francisco 7, Litulumar 6, Galulu 6, Dela Rosa 4.

**Island Manpower 76** – Devero 32, Capuyon Sr. 16, Capuyon Jr. 14, Gonzales 5, Esteves 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 30-12, 41-43, 61-58, 83-76.

### Second Game

**Fong's Bakery 48** – Barrios 13, Santos 8, Reyes 7, David 6, Jose 4, Bautista 4, Samson 2.

**Adobo 46** – Faisao 16, Saturno 8, Vertudez 7, Yao 6, Apelo 3, Palacios 2, Tadifa 2, Gotengco 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 15-10, 21-22, 33-34, 48-46.

### Third Game

**Saipan Ice 45** – Rivera 14, N. Saralu 8, Rangamar 7, Cayading 6, R. Saralu 5, Kaipat 4, Villanueva 2.

**Fliptop 44** – Norita 16, Sablan 6, Camacho 4, Hockett 4, Jung 4, Namelo 4, Isip 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 7-6, 22-18, 33-34, 45-44.



# SIS takes pennant in MISO v'ball

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Saipan International School ruled the regular season of the

2013-2014 MISO Boys Volleyball League after sweeping its last two games in the double-round robin contest last week at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The Geckos finished the season with an 11-1 record after beating Kagman High School and Saipan Southern High School. The defending champions notched the outright win against the Ayuyus on Oct. 30 after prevailing in the first two sets, 25-16, 25-13, and completed the sweep with a 15-10 triumph in the third set. Against the Rays last Monday, SIS also nailed the automatic win, 25-12, 26-24, and capped the pennant-clinching victory with a 15-14 triumph in the third set.

Before facing Southern for its last game in the regular season, SIS earlier boosted its chances for the pennant when rival Grace Christian Academy lost to Marianas High School last week. The Eagles, who handed the Geckos their lone loss in the league, dropped to a 10-2 card for second place.

Marianas Baptist Academy, which split its last two games after bowing to GCA last week and sweeping Kagman, 25-20, 25-21, 15-21, last Monday, finished third with a 6-6 card. The MHS Dolphins ended up at fourth with their 5-7 slate, followed by Mt. Carmel School (4-8), Southern (4-8), and Kagman (3-9).

Meanwhile, SIS will be seeded first in this weekend's double-elimination tournament. The six other schools will join the Friday and Saturday competition to determine the season's champion. Tinian was originally set to participate in the two-day tournament, but pulled out yesterday afternoon.

The visiting team would have been seeded fifth in the tournament, but with its last-minute withdrawal, the competition is down to seven teams with organizers holding a meeting this morning to decide on the format and schedule. If a new schedule (for a seven-team field)



Saipan International School's Colin Ramsey serves during their first round duel against Saipan Southern High School in the MISO volleyball league last month at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

is approved, MHS and Mt. Carmel will meet in Game 1 on the north court at 1pm today and MBA takes on Southern on the south court for Game 2. Game 3

is set for 2pm with GCA facing Kagman on the north court, while SIS faces the winner of Game 1 on the south end for the first finals berth.

## 2013 Joeten Memorial Golf Classic set for tomorrow



The 2013 Joeten Memorial Golf Classic tees off tomorrow, Nov. 9, at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

The tournament was organized to commemorate the memory of Joeten Family of Companies founder, Jose C. Tenorio or Mr. Joeten as he is most commonly known.

This year marks both the 20th death anniversary of Mr. Joeten and 15 years since the last Joeten Memorial Golf Classic was held in 1998.

All proceeds will be going to

benefit the Joeten Charitable Foundation. It will be a flighted tournament, featuring Championship, A, B, C, Women's, and Senior's flights.

Registration fee for the classic is \$95, which includes an entry to the luncheon banquet and diddy bag.

Forms are available at all Joeten retail locations, Ace Hardware locations, Allstar Sporting Goods, Boarderline, Joeten Motors, The Athlete's Foot, and Pacifica Insurance.

Completed registration forms will only be accepted at the Joeten

Motors Parts Department where you can pay by cash, check, or credit card.

Checks should be made payable to the "Joeten Memorial Golf Classic."

For more information, interested participants may call event chair Somia T. Quan at 234-6447 or e-mail her at joetenmgc@joeten.com.

The Joeten Family of Companies believe that "Golf and Giving" were two of some of the greatest passions in Mr. Joeten's life and will be exemplified in the 2013 Joeten Memorial Golf Classic. (PR)

## Little League to hold softball fundraiser



The Saipan Little League, Inc. will be holding a softball fundraiser from Nov. 22 to 24 at the Capitol Hill Softball Field.

The tournament will accept the first 12 teams that register and pay in full. Entrance fee is \$100 per team.

The softball fundraiser tournament will use a modified co-ed format that requires two females playing at all times. Each team automatically has three home runs per game but may opt to buy additional home runs at \$5 each and is unlimited.

Only players 14 years and older may participate in this tournament. Also, the

tournament committee may throw in a home run derby pending interests from teams at the coaches meeting.

The coaches meeting is set for Nov. 20 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium conference room.

For more information about the Little League softball fundraiser, contact Joey Dela Cruz at 989-3600. (PR)

# Tan Holdings Tennis Classic kicks off today

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The two-weekend Tan Holdings Tennis Classic 2013 will start today with the competition in the juniors division taking place at the various courts on Saipan.

In the boys U10 singles, Sean Lee, Ji Min Woo, Eubin Park, and Daniel Kang kick off the action at the Hyatt Regency court. On Court 1 at 7pm, it will be Lee versus Woo, while Park and Kang collide on Court 2. Rintaro Miyawaki completes the boys U10 singles field and will be playing his first game tomorrow at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan court against Woo at 5:30pm.

In the girls U10 singles, eight players will be battling for the championships. The list includes Riko and Hana Oijima, Ellie Epley, Maaya Sato, Susan Sablan, Tiara Imai, Maria Gregoire, and Erika Tuttle. All eight play today in the first round matches at Fiesta and the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

Also set at Fiesta today at 7pm is the Jireh Warren and Coume Kaga tussle in the girls U12 singles with the winner meeting Malika Miyawaki in Saturday's semifinals. The other semis pairing this Saturday will have Conatsu Kaga challenging Asia Raulerson at 4pm, also at Fiesta.

In the boys U12 singles, two preliminary matches are set for today with Tony Atalig and Aditya Rai squaring off at 5:30pm at Hyatt Court 1 and Ken Song facing Rintaro Miyawaki on Court 2. Other players entered in the boys U12 singles are Robbie Schorr, Sean Lyu, Eugene Park, and Tony Kim and they will be having their first game this Saturday.

In the boys U14 singles, nine are competing for the crown led by Top 2 seeds Michael Ren and Luther Liza-ma. Completing the field are William Sang, Haruya Eda, Steven Goodwin, A.J. Hudkins, Joshua Abragan, Vincent Tudela, Sunny Cho, and Peter Deng.

In the girls U14 singles, Julia Ishikawa is the top seed and automatically

gained a semis berth, leaving six other players to fight for the three remaining Final Four berths. Ami Tsukagoshi and Catherine Atalig will collide for the second semis ticket today at Fiesta, while the two remaining pairings will have Tania Tan versus Mimi Sakano and Grace Choi against Liza Atalif.

Ishikawa is also competing in the girls U16 singles and will be battling the age group championship against Margaux San Nicolas and Emily Jones.

In the boys U18 singles, it will be a battle among five players—Ama-mi Sakano, Moris Villanueva, Colin



A junior players goes for a backhand return during the CNMI Junior Championships held at the AMP tennis courts in April this year. The Commonwealth's junior players return to action this weekend with the staging of the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic 2013.

Ramsey, Dylan Ackerman, and Seiya Eda. The girls U18 singles will feature six players, including Top 2 seeds Thea Minor and Mikayla Lopez, who notched outright semis tickets. Carol Lee and Alina Ishikawa meet today at 5:30pm at the AMP court for the right to face Minor in the semis, while Negahr Rastguay challenges San Nicolas tomorrow at 8am at AMP with the winner earning a Final Four match against Lopez.

Junior doubles games will also be played in Week 1 of the annual tournament, while the adults singles and doubles are scheduled in the second and final week.

## SBA November roll-offs set



The Saipan Bowling Association will hold its November roll-offs on Nov. 10 and 11 at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Sunday's competition will start at 3:30pm, while Monday's begin at 6pm. The tournament is exclusive for SBA members and adult bowlers have to pay the SBA annual membership fee of \$15. Bowlers for the King and Queen of the Lanes have the option to bowl on Sunday or Monday or on both days, provided that the \$15 entry fee is paid. Only the higher score will qualify for prizes. The number of participants

will be limited to the first 50 entries for each day. Cash prizes will depend on the number of entries. The women's division will only have separate prizes if there are at least 10 entries.

Youth bowlers (12 to 18 years old) will only bowl on Sunday and compete for the Fiji Water Prince/Princess of the Lanes. Entry fee is \$10. Youth bowlers must also pay the annual SBA youth membership of \$10 to join the monthly event.

For early registration and payment, see or contact Gigi or Ross Zapanta at 288-5627 or send email to zapanta@pticom.com. (PR)





# 'Crank' wants shot at title belt

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho will be competing in PXC 41 in the Philippines to boost his chances for a title fight in the Pacific Xtreme Combat's lightweight division.

Camacho will be battling Seung Hwan "Macho" Bang, an MMA veteran from the elite Korean Top Team of South Korea, in one of the nine fight cards scheduled this Saturday at the Ynares Sports Center in Pasig City.

"This fight is significant because it will get me closer to a title shot at the 155-lb PXC belt against Harris Sarmiento. I'm going to keep at it and work toward the win," Camacho said.

This weekend's bout will be Camacho's second in three months after returning to PXC in August with an impressive knockout win (flurry of punches) over Japan's Koshi Matsumoto at the 1:24 mark of Round

3 of their duel at the University of Guam Fieldhouse. The victory improved Camacho's win-loss-draw record to 11-2-0 and gave him his ninth win via KO/TKO.

Bang was also victorious in his recent fight, earning a TKO win over Joo Dong Hwang in the

second round of their bout in TOP FC: Original on June 29 this year in Seoul, Korea. His collision against Hwang was Bang's MMA return, too, after nearly three years of missing octagon action. Before his sabbatical, he lost to Japan's Daisuke Hanazawa in Road FC 1 via rear naked choke submission at the 2:54 mark of the first round of their Oct. 23, 2010 fight. Over-



Frank "The Crank" Camacho gestures to his fans after beating Japan's Koshi Matsumoto in PXC 38 held in August this year at the University of Guam Fieldhouse.

all, Bang has seven losses and 17 wins, eight of them were via TKO/KO.

Though the 30-year-old and 5'9" Bang has more losses than him, Camacho said there is no room for complacency, as his Korean foe is one of the tough fighters from KTT.

"He is very well rounded so trying to figure out his weaknesses and exploit them will be my game plan. He is very heavy handed, has a very strong right hand, and training at KTT won't be a slouch," said Camacho, adding that he went on his usual training regimen to prepare for PXC 41.

"Nothing changed in my preparation for this fight. I did the same thing, trained hard. Hard work will always beat talent when talent refuses to work hard. I worked a lot on my Muay Thai skills for this fight with Kru Kevin from Guam Muay Thai," Camacho said.

This weekend's bout will be Camacho's third in the Philippines. A then 17-year-old Camacho won his debut in the Philippines after stunning erst-

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## Saipan Ice, Fong's Bakery pull off close wins Matansa FC, Kanoa FC shut out opponents



Saipan Ice & Water's Derrick Rangamar goes for a reverse layup against Fliptop's Mike Babauta during the fourth quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last Wednesday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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Saipan Ice & Water and Fong's Bakery nosed out separate opponents in the 2nd DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Saipan Ice outlasted Fliptop (1-1) in the last match, 45-44, while Fong's Bakery slipped past Adobo (1-2) in a make-up game, 48-46. Both Saipan Ice and Fong's are in Pool A of the 16-team field with the latter sharing second place with Docomo (2-1) and the former in third with its 2-2 slate. Chinatown leads Pool A with its 3-1 card, while NMI Contractor (1-2) and Kix Eng Oil (1-3) complete the group.

With pool play past the halfway mark, teams are now in a tough battle for playoff berths. Only six of the eight teams in each group will advance to the playoffs with the Top 2 finishers per pool gaining byes in the first round.

Saipan Ice boosted its playoff chances after holding Fliptop to one field goal for more than four minutes. Before the

drought, Fliptop managed to force a deadlock, 40-all, off Wens Namelo's undergoal stab, 4:20 left in the game.

A triple from Justin Cayading then brought the lead back to Saipan Ice before both teams traded misses in the next three minutes and so of the fourth quarter. Fliptop muffed a lot of point-blanked shots, failing to capitalize on its much better skills against the rag-tag crew of Saipan Ice. Roy Norita finally

ended the spell with a drive to move Fliptop within 1, going into the final two minutes of the game.

Teams engaged misses and errors anew in the ensuing plays with Daniel Camacho committing the last one, as Rangamar picked his pocket in the paint. Rangamar then went coast-to-coast and almost fumbled on a fastbreak play against Mike Babauta before he kept his balance and made a basket that gave Saipan Ice a 3-point cushion, 45-42, 53 ticks to go in the match.

Another Fliptop muffed offensive set returned the leather

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## Matansa FC, Kanoa FC shut out opponents



A Wild Bill's player goes for a header during a game against Paire in the M-League last month at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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Kanoa FC and Matansa FC eased past separate foes in last Sunday's matches in the M-League at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Matansa FC played in the last game of the weekend and shut

out the Thunderscats, 3-0. Chhetri Dhiraj made all the goals for Matansa, giving his team its first goal in the 35th minute. Dhiraj's last two goals were made in a span of

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